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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### PLAN 2000 INVESTING IN LAPD

★ ★ ★ by Ted Hunt ★ ★ ★

**P**art of the reason that the City of Los Angeles has grown into the most important city in the western United States is the Los Angeles Police Department. Our Department has kept the Los Angeles vicinity free from the crime and corruption associated with the major cities to the east.

LAPD has traditionally been "THE" World Class Police Department, the police agency to which all others aspire. The result of the excellence of LAPD's operations were a City with a low crime rate, a livable City, a family friendly City.

But so much has changed. The City is at a crossroads and its leaders, the Mayor, the City Council, and the Police Commission have tough decisions to make. Are they going to invest in the City by investing in the first responsibility of any government—the safety of the public? Are they going to invest in rebuilding LAPD?

LAPD is once again experiencing a severe attrition problem. The attrition problem is compounded by an inability of LAPD to attract new employees. The inability to recruit people to LAPD threatens the loss of a substantial federal grant.

In addition to the inability of LAPD to recruit people, high quality, tenured employees are leaving our Department in record numbers. An analysis of our data shows that the losses come from two general categories:

- A. Officers with 25 to 30 years on the job
- B. Officers with 5 to 10 years on the job

All of us know that a brand new officer is not cost effective until they have about five years on the job. We also know the extremely high value of tenured officers—those veterans we are losing. To lose officers from either of these ranges is a heavy hit to the "backbone" of the Department.

In simple terms, the Department and the City cannot afford to continue to lose these officers. Something must be done to keep them from leaving. Group "A" are the experienced "masters" and Group "B" are the "experienced journeymen" who will be tomorrow's masters. These people are the NOW and the FUTURE.

LAPD and this City must do something to stem the tide of retirements and officers leaving for surrounding Departments. Several things must change.

First, the pay of police officers must be raised to be competitive with the surrounding agencies. Officers frequently say something like, "I love LAPD, I want to stay but I've got a family to feed. We get paid less than other departments and we get no overtime. I want to stay but I can't afford to." The City of Los Angeles will get what it pays for. This is a business decision. Is public safety the most important concern of government? If not what is? We must get a significant pay raise.

Second, the Department must offer benefits comparable to other agencies such as a compressed work schedule. CWS is available at every other agency in this area. LAPD is the only agency that we know of which doesn't have a compressed work schedule. LAPD can't compete with neighboring police agencies which offer better pay and CWS. This is a business decision. If CWS saves the City

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## POLITICAL/JUDICIAL ENDORSEMENTS 2000

### Judicial

- ☒ Commissioner John Slawson  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Office No. 1
- ☒ Deputy D. A. Christopher G. Estes Municipal Court,  
Antelope Judicial District
- ☒ Judge Jesse I. Rodriguez  
Downey Municipal Court
- ☒ Deputy D. A. Richard Stone  
Beverly Hills Municipal Court
- ☒ Commissioner Gary Paer  
Orange County Superior Court, Office No. 10
- ☒ Maria C. Vargas-Rodriguez  
Alhambra Municipal Court
- ☒ Judge Richard E. Rico  
Los Angeles Municipal Court, Office No. 44

### California State Assembly

#### District Candidate

- ☒ 36th George Runner
- ☒ 39th Tony Cardenas
- ☒ 40th Bob Hertzberg
- ☒ 41st Tony Vasquez
- ☒ 43rd Dario Frommer
- ☒ 45th Jackie Goldberg
- ☒ 46th Gil Cedillo
- ☒ 47th Herb Wesson
- ☒ 48th Rod Wright
- ☒ 49th Gloria Romero
- ☒ 50th Marco Firebaugh
- ☒ 53rd George Nakano
- ☒ 55th Jenny Oropeza
- ☒ 56th Sally Havice

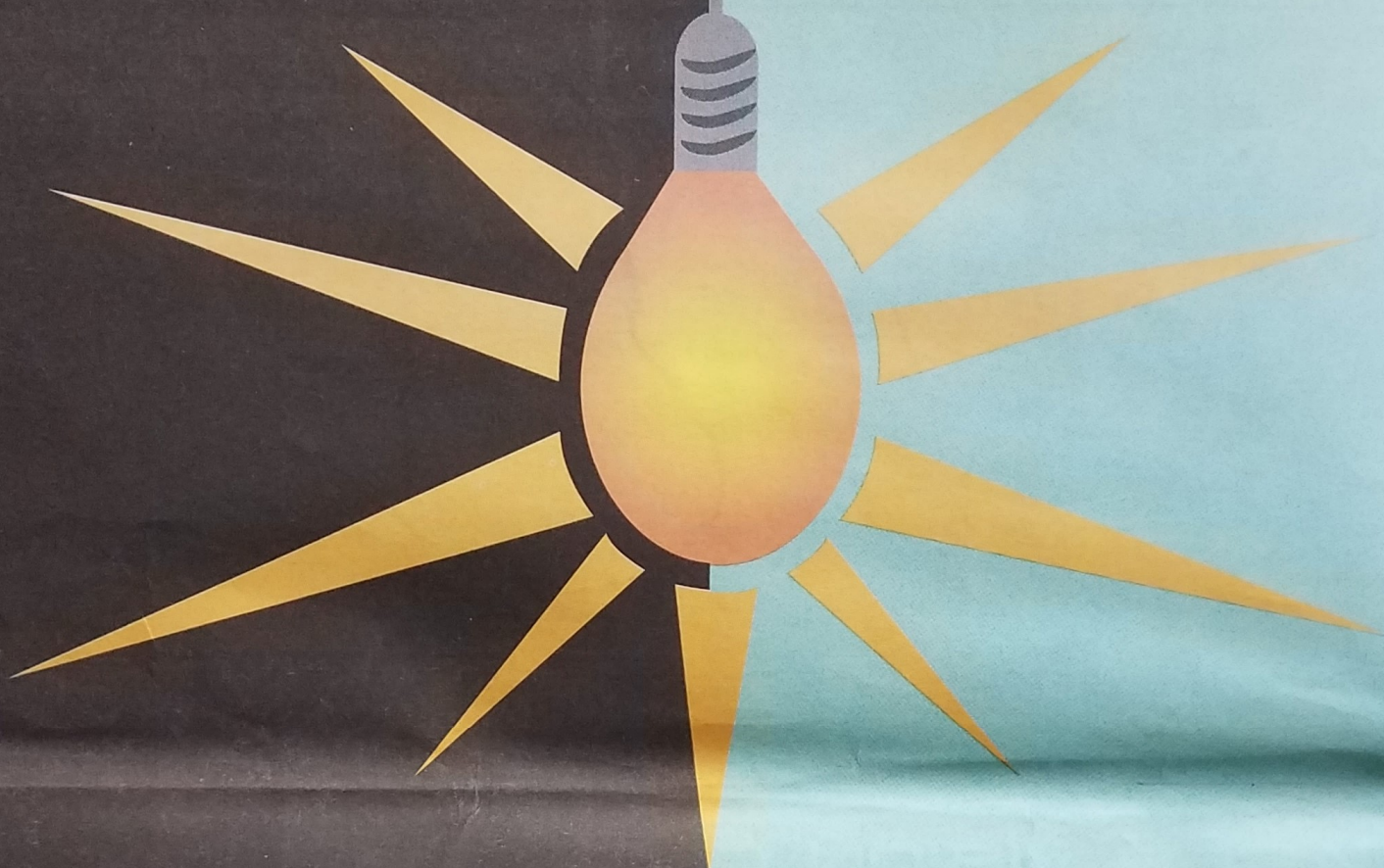
### California State Senate

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- ☒ 21st Scott Wildman
- ☒ 27th Betty Karnette
- ☒ 29th Rick Melendez
- ☒ 31st Jim Brulte
- ☒ 57th Ed Chavez
- ☒ 58th Tom Calderon
- ☒ 59th Walter Allen
- ☒ 60th Bob Pacheco
- ☒ 61st Gloria McLeod
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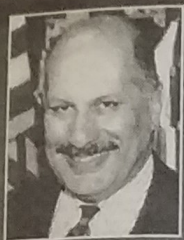
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DENNIS P. ZINE, VICE PRESIDENT

### LAPD Recruitment Falls Short

A massive recruitment campaign is underway to recruit candidates to join the Department. A recent Civil Service Commission report revealed that the City is struggling with its hiring of police officers. The report stated that the

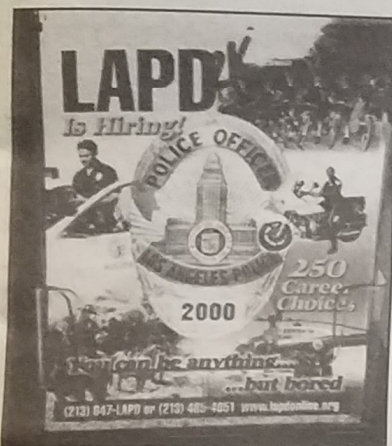


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Department has recently expanded its recruitment activities and increased its staff. There is now consideration being given to further shortening the process of hiring police candidates. The report illustrated that for the balance of this fiscal year, which ends in June 2000, 80 to 90 officers need to be hired per

month to reach the federal grant program hiring goal, and only 25 to 30 are being hired. The Department is recruiting out-of-state candidates and developing other programs to increase the ranks of the Department. There is a total of \$8 million dollars in federal money at risk if the Department does not meet the hiring goal. It is well known that many law enforcement agencies are currently recruiting candidates to fill the ranks. The LASO has a plan to hire 1000 new deputies and the

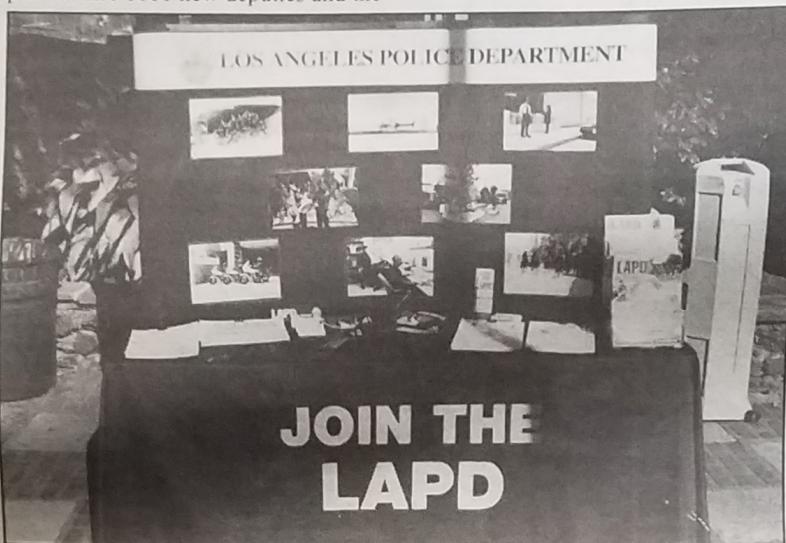


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Sheriff Lee Baca, Erik Estrada, Director Dennis P. Zine and KRLA Radio Host Kenny Morris with Holiday Radio Program.

CHP is on a recruitment drive. Smaller departments in the southland are also hiring. With this rush to hire officers, the competition is tough. While many departments offer a compressed work schedule, a 90% pension at 30 years of service, a fair disciplinary policy and many other positive incentives, we are way behind the curve at the LAPD. It's time for our Department to wake up and become competitive with other agen-

cies before all the qualified candidates are gone and the federal money is returned to the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

### National League of Cities Was a Big Success

I wish to thank those delegates and members who assisted us with our booth at the National League of Cities Convention which was recently held at the Convention Center. The City leaders from Los Angeles and across the country were very impressed with our operation and appreciative of the celebrity photos we provided.

### Democratic National Convention Update

The Democratic National Convention will serve as a great P.R. opportunity for Los Angeles. Convention organizers estimate that the convention will bring \$150 to \$190 million in direct economic benefits to the City. The Convention, which runs from August 14 to 17, will occupy 18,000 rooms in 78 hotels. It will draw 5,000 delegates, 15,000 media representatives and 30,000 visitors, guests and corporate executives who will all be

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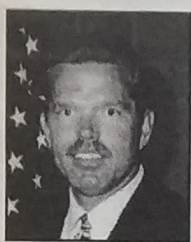
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# BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

KEN HILLMAN, SECRETARY

## Supervisory and Management Actions Can Make a Difference

Everyone on the Department will agree that the Rampart Area scandal is one of the two most embarrassing issues to hit this Department in the latter half of this century. As a result of the nefarious activities of a few rogue officers, the entire Department's image has once again been tarnished. I recognize the Department's need for moving quickly and assembling a Board of Inquiry (BOI) to study management practices relative to the review of arrests, uses of force, pursuits, supervisory oversight of specialized units, audits and controls. Based on the findings of the BOI, we can expect sweeping reforms in how the Department reviews arrest reports, investigates officer involved shootings, audits personnel and tracks evidence. Having worked on one segment of the BOI, many of the changes recommended are necessary to restore the public's confidence in our ability to police their communities and to safeguard the Department from future felonious acts of a few misguided officers.

In moving past this dark blemish in our history, it is critical that we, the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, act responsibly with honesty and integrity in all aspects of our lives—both personal and professional. Never in the history of this Department has it become more important for those in leadership positions from the rank of Police Officer II to Lieutenant, to stand up and be counted as leaders. This does not mean dropping the ax on everyone who commits an error in judgement, or over-disciplining personnel on minor acts of misconduct to prove who is in control. Poor decisions at this time can translate into unhappy work places, excessive absenteeism, workers' compensation claims, disability retirements and divorces. The typically conscientious nature of police officers is such that, at least psychologically, our employees do take

their problems home with them—remember, they have enough daily concerns without problems unnecessarily created by poor leadership.

Several years ago, I sat through a leadership class presented by Keith Bushey, retired LAPD Commander. He reminded attendees that supervisors at all ranks have a phenomenal impact on the lives of our employees. This makes it critical that we recognize the solemn responsibility all of us have to continue our professional development and education, especially in the areas of leadership. The men and women we are privileged to supervise deserve nothing less. I want to encourage those who supervise others to be open minded regarding your level of proficiency and to recognize a continuing opportunity for improvement. To assist you, I have compiled the following leadership tips—courtesy of Commander Bushey, which I believe can and will make a difference to the employees we serve:

- **No bad news to our people just before they go off on days off or vacation.** Obviously, this can ruin a vacation or weekend. Although bad news goes with the territory, we can provide it at a time when it is least likely to be personally devastating.
- **Develop your people.** Take every opportunity, within reason, to loan your people to assignments and schools. This will broaden their experience, enhance their value and increase their chances for new opportunities. Remember, when your employees shine, so do you!
- **Never give up on the development of a weak employee, officer or supervisor.** Avoid the temptation to just "write off" a weak worker, thereby resigning yourself to his/her marginal performance. If you really are a leader, this is your opportunity to develop and bring out the best in your employees.

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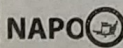
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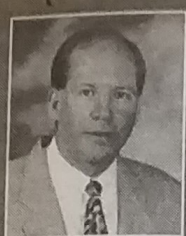
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### Board of Inquiries or Board of Inquisitions?

Recently, the Chief of Police has started implementing Board of Inquiries (BOI's), addressing the promotability of certain candidates. Per Los Angeles Police Department Manual Section 2/094, Board of Inquiries are convened for "investigating a particular matter or alleged incident involving Department Personnel or Equipment." The convening authority is the Chief of Police and the Board is comprised of members of the appropriate class, rank and seniority designated by the Chief of Police. The Board is given a **precept**, which is a document issued by the Chief of Police activating the Board of Inquiries. The precept sets forth the rules of assembly, states the matter to be investigated, describes the scope of jurisdictions, and gives instructions as to what the final report shall include, and any pertinent information relevant to the course of action to be taken. As I stated, recently the Chief of Police has been convening these Board of Inquiries addressing the promotability of certain candidates who have been banded on certain promotion lists. The Chief of Police has been ordering these candidates removed from the promotional list pending the outcome of a Board of Inquiry. Then, after a BOI, the Chief of Police has been sending out a letter telling the candidate, based on the Board of Inquiry,

whether the candidate will be promoted or not.

Traditionally, in the past, the vast majority of promotional BOI's have been convened to address officers who have been banded, and while they were banded were involved in alleged misconduct. Thus, the BOI was convened to address the candidate's promotability based on the new misconduct, which the Board of Civil Service and Promotional Assessment Board did not address.

To promote on this Department in a civil service rank, an officer takes a written examination, then orals, and is evaluated by a Civil Service Commission Oral Board. The candidate is then again evaluated and placed in a promotional band by a Promotional Assessment Board, which recommends promotion to the Chief of Police. Nowhere do I find in any Department Manual or policy that BOI's are an additional testing procedure used for candidates.

Thus, I come to the point in my article. As I stated prior, per LAPD manual section 2/094, BOI's are convened for "investigating a particular matter or alleged incident involving Department personnel or equipment." When officers are evaluated for civil service promotion, their personnel package is reviewed, and all

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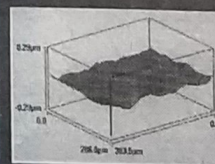
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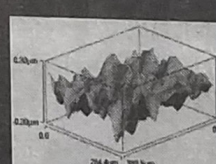
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BOB BAKER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in electing me to the position of League Director, Office No. 6, Detective. It was an exhilarating feeling for me, receiving the overwhelming support you gave me during the primary and run-off elections. My campaign visits throughout the Department created and renewed friendships and taught me a tremendous amount about your concerns and desires in the new millennium. My visits also gave me a renewed sense of commitment and pride after seeing and listening to dedicated officers and detectives in every division. I shall give you the same representation, leadership and vision that I sought to provide as a League delegate.

I am filling "big shoes" with the retirement of Director Gary Fullerton. As a League delegate, I worked side by side with Gary and found him to be of great integrity and tireless in representing the membership of the Protective League. I want to wish him and his family the best in retirement and in his new profession as a practicing attorney. He will be missed by all.

In September, I want to be able to celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Department with a feeling of accomplishment. When I think back to my first decade on the job, life and our role as police officers did not seem as com-

plicated and demanding as what we are facing today. Over the past 20 years, as a League delegate, I experienced many of your frustrations firsthand.

My visions of my role in the coming year is to work closely with the various League committees and divisional delegates in obtaining the most equitable and desirous benefits for the membership as a whole. To make these visions happen, I will be reaching out to each of you through attendance at roll calls and squad meetings, my Blue Line column and telephone conversations. Our League President, Ted Hunt, has a clear and definite focus on where we should be going and how to get there. Our actions must demonstrate that we are all in this together. People who share a common direction and sense of community can go where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve you. In closing, I would like to say a special thank you to Sergeant Kevin McClure of Narcotics Division and Detective III's Ron Phillips and Ed Purcell of West Los Angeles detectives for their extra effort and devotion to me in my campaign.

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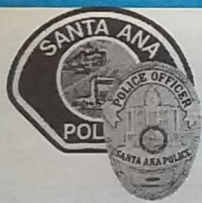
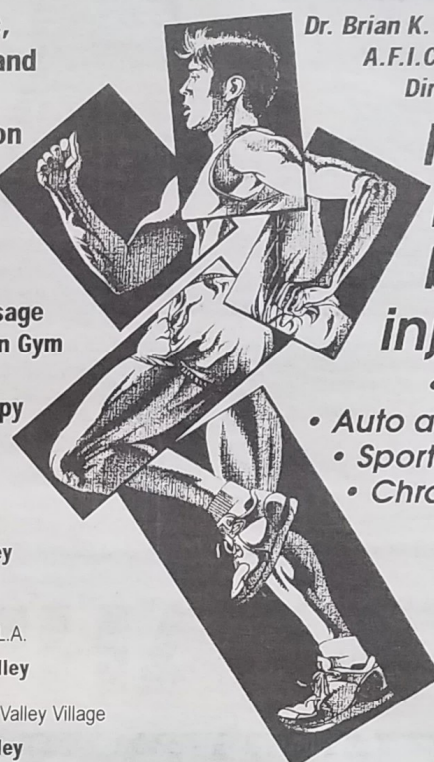
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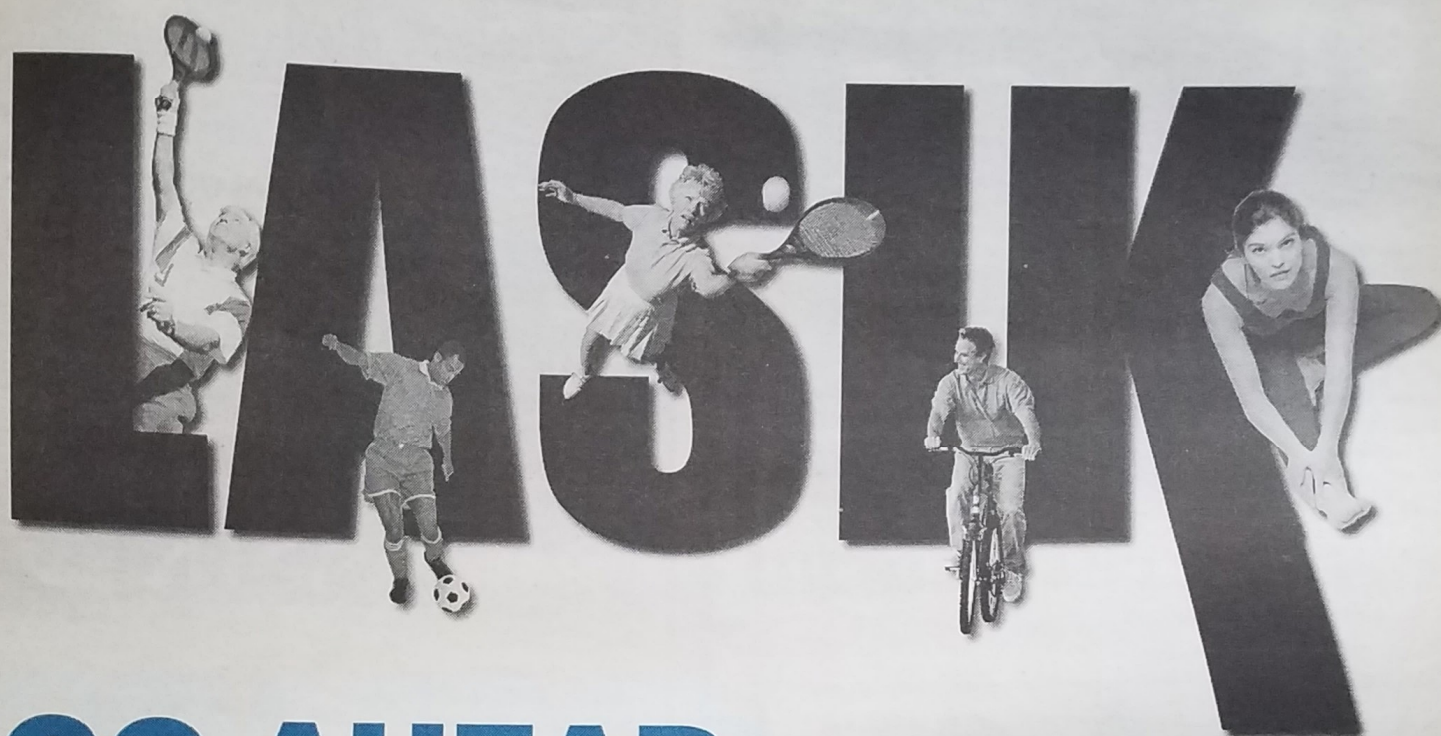
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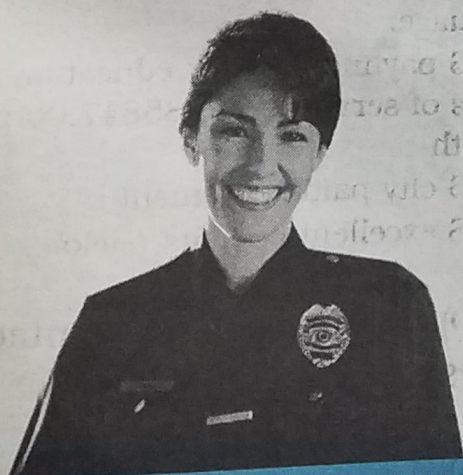
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I hope you all had a happy, holiday season and wish you a happy, healthy year to come. I would like to thank all of you who had supported me in my effort to become elected as your Director. I consider it an honor to be able to be your representative to the Department. It is great to see that we have a focused and cohesive Board that are all moving in the same direction toward a common goal: the resolution of the 2000 contract, better working conditions, a fair and impartial disciplinary

system, as well as many other issues that come before us as officers.

I feel fortunate to have been assigned to the Pension Committee, Worker's Compensation, Uniforms and Equipment, as well as many others. I have also been given the privilege of being part of the team that will be negotiating our next contract, as well as Co-Chair of City Hall. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call. I am looking forward to working toward our future.



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## JUST THE FACTS

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I would like to start this, my first *Blue Line* article out by thanking everyone who has participated in the recent elections and a special thanks to those of you who helped in electing me as your new Director. I think that many of the candidates had very good ideas and I intend to use all of those thoughts and ideas to your benefit during my term as your Director. I would sincerely appreciate hearing from any one of you that has an idea or suggestion that would be of benefit to our membership.

It is contract time again. This became evident when the *Daily News* wrote an editorial about a statement that former Director Gary Fullerton made to the *Daily News*. In Gary's statement he never mentioned anything about our up-coming contract negotiations, yet the spin placed on Gary's statements was that it was all about getting a good contract. That was untrue and dishonest. It is my opinion that the *Daily News* has in the past treated us relatively fairly, I wonder why they felt the need to write such an article?

The facts are that we have officers of every rank leaving the Department. Some retire, some resign and some are fired. In any event they are leaving faster than we can replace them. The question begs to be asked and answered, why are they leaving and why can't we replace them?

I spoke with a long time friend of mine the other day as I saw him walking out of Parker Center. He looked unusually happy. I asked him what he was doing downtown and he said that he had just retired. I was stunned. He had 17 years on the Department and was not 50 years old and was not independently wealthy. When I questioned him as to why he was leaving he said, "I just had enough." He went on to explain that he had loved this job and always looked forward to coming to work. He just couldn't take the constant barrage of personnel complaints and the job was no longer fun. He has found a job as an Assistant Pastor at a church near Sacramento. Goodbye, Shelly Gale, we will miss you.

The words that Shelly spoke are echoed throughout our Department today. Many, many officers feel the same way that Shelly did. The job is simply a very tough thing to get up and do day after day. We all know that there is a Personnel Complaint looming on the horizon that could potentially cost us our jobs. An insignificant complaint is no longer insignificant. It might simply cost you a few days, or maybe your rank if you are lucky. It could cost you your job and increasingly that is the case. I was listening to the Governor's State of the State address on my way home the other night and he said that crime in the state was down 15% last year and that police officers had a "passion" for their jobs that

was a significant reason for the drop in crime. He also talked about hiring more police officers.

I believe that he was correct, the passion that we have for our jobs as police officers is what keeps us going. That is also what keeps new people coming to our Department. The problem is that the "passion" that the Governor spoke of is eroding our Department and that erosion is seeping beyond the Department. We are unable to recruit and retain enough qualified police officers to maintain our current strength. Let's face it, you can go to many other departments that pay much better than we do and they are not subjected

to the incredibly harsh and unforgiving disciplinary system that we have.

We are the hardest working and best police officers in the world. The entire world looks to us as the police department that they want to be. It isn't really the Department that they want, it's the "passion" that we have for our jobs that they desperately want. We should be paid for the job we do. If we are to remain the Department that the world looks to, we should have pay and benefits commensurate to that position. Rest assured that the League is preparing for the upcoming contract negotiations.

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The Pension Savings Plan came as the result of the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. This required that beginning July 1, 1991, all City employees not participating in a qualified retirement plan may be placed in Social Security or this program, which meets federal requirements. You do not have the option to participate in Social Security nor should you.

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Pension Savings Plan until you retire or resign; or you can roll it over into your City Deferred Compensation Plan any time you desire. So, if you came on the job after July 1, 1991, you can roll over your Pension Savings Plan into your Deferred Compensation Plan by going to the Personnel Department, Benefit Section in City Hall East, Room 713, the phone number is (213) 485-7846.

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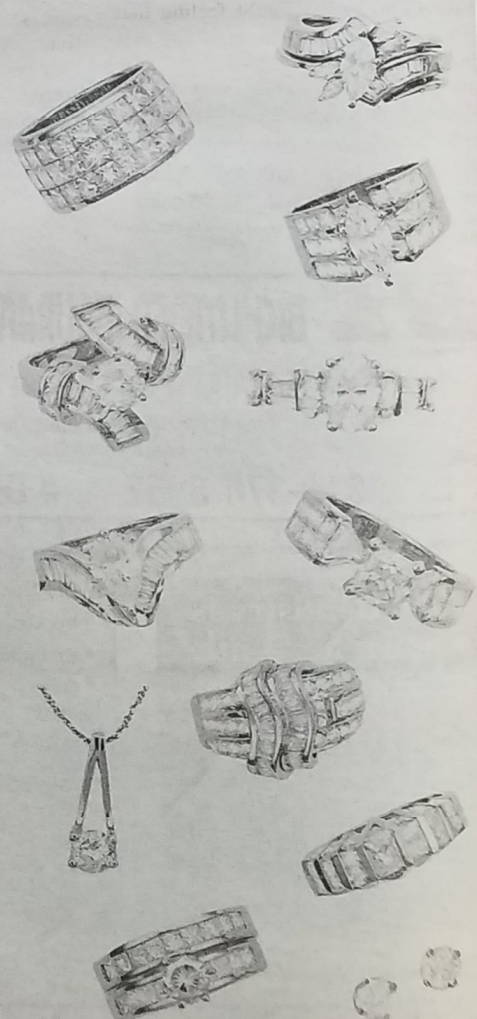
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by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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The gang member sat on the booking bench handcuffed to the metal ring looking forlorn and abandoned. His victim's blood was still on his shirt. SID had taken samples and you were returning from the scene of the brutal murder where you and your partner were trying to figure out the exact sequence of events that resulted in this newest gang-related death. You eye the suspect. He might talk. You didn't need any more evidence against him, but you had questions as to who else was there. It would also be helpful if some of the reasons behind the violence could be explained. It was worth a try.

You lead him to an interrogation room and light up the tape. You use your best relaxation techniques to establish a rapport and it appears that you might be successful. But when you read the suspect his rights, he refuses to waive. You still have burning questions about the murder scene. You realize you will not be able to use any further questions against the suspect, but any information would be useful to identify other suspects and clarify some of the evidence that you found. You have also been told in seminars, that statements outside Miranda could be used to impeach the suspect should he decide to get up on the stand and lie at his trial.

"OK," you tell the suspect, "you want an attorney, you will get one. I can't use anything you say from here on out against you, but I still have a couple of questions that you could help me with." The suspect does not protest. You ask questions and he gives answers. You know that his answers will help you in identifying the other suspects. They will also help you head the investigation in the right direction and save time. Furthermore, some of the information will help the CRASH people in their intelligence efforts to identify the structure of this particular gang.

You go home that night feeling that you have helped the citizens of Los Angeles and the Department with its mission to protect and serve. You do not realize that you may have just handed this murder suspect the deed to your house.

**"Officers who intentionally violate the rights protected by Miranda must expect to have to defend them-**

**selves in civil actions."** UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, *California Attorneys for Criminal Justice vs. James T. Butts*, rehearing denied January 3, 2000. Emphasis added.

The arrest scenario I describe above is fictitious, but the quote from the Ninth Circuit is deadly accurate. Take this seriously. A flood gate may have been opened. One of the issues in this case most pertinent to you folks in the trenches is the denial of "qualified immunity" for your actions as a police officer. Qualified immunity is a concept that has its root in the very practical fact that government officials often must take action where clearly established rights are not clear. It is supposed to give the officials the sense that they can act with independence and without fear of civil consequences in deciding how to react to a situation. Think about the fifty decisions you make every day on whom to pull over, whom to write, whom to arrest, etc., etc., and etc. If you didn't have some expectation of some kind of protection from personal liability from all those potential lawsuits, it would take the "jaws of life" to pry you out of your police car to take any police action. Thus, "qualified immunity."

You lose qualified immunity when you perform a discretionary function that violates a clearly established constitutional or statutory right that is sufficiently clear that a reasonable official would understand that what he or she is doing violates that right. As you can imagine, as a practical matter, this is as clear as mud.

The Butts case quoted above involved Santa Monica and Los Angeles detectives (in separate cases combined by the court, Butts being the Chief of Police in Santa Monica). The facts were similar, but I will focus on our detectives. After some good police work, they arrested James Bey for the brutal murder of a woman in his apartment. The court admitted that there was no doubt Bey was guilty since he was the one who disposed of the body and cleaned the blood out of his apartment. It appeared to be just another dispute

over drugs. The detectives had received training that statements outside Miranda could be used to impeach a suspect who chose to get on the stand and lie so they asked Bey some questions after he invoked his Miranda rights. That was in 1991. Here in 2000, these officers are still in trial in federal court and, according to this decision, do not qualify for immunity.

Note that James Bey is still in jail. This whole thing has nothing to do with the criminal side of the case. A state appellate court decided in 1993 that the questioning, although violating Bey's Miranda rights, was harmless because there was so much other evidence against him. The question still being litigated is civil damages for the alleged civil rights violation.

Looking at it another way, the fact that other courts have recognized the use of statements outside of Miranda for impeachment purposes combined with training on the usefulness of obtaining these statements does nothing to diminish the courts holding that the questioning of a suspect after the invocation of Miranda rights is a violation of a "clearly established" right.

The most troubling quotation from the case concerns the fact that the detectives brought forth their good faith belief that they were following their training.

*"If the allegations by Bey and McNally prove to be true, the defendant detectives may believe that their police chiefs misled them as to the requirements of Miranda. However, these defendants cannot escape liability for their conduct merely by claiming that they were 'enforcing policies or orders promulgated by those with superior authority.'"* Emphasis added.

A footnote says that this argument didn't work for Lieutenant Calley either. Comparing a fifteen minute conversation with an arrestee, with the My Lai massacre doesn't seem quite fair, but it gives you an idea where these judges are coming from.

Being able to blame the Chief of Police came to screeching halt shortly after this court decision was issued. A Department notice came out ordering officers to cease questioning a suspect regarding criminal activity after the suspect has invoked his Miranda rights. The notice is supposed to be signed and placed in your divisional personnel package. The message? You're on your own from here on in on this issue.

My advice is to strictly obey the notice. Since it concerns itself with your

personal liability, it was put out for your own good (as well as to help insulate the City from liability). You should hear *warning bells*. The courts are telling you that, while they depend on you to bring them evidence of guilt, they will not protect you as an individual when you are accused of violating a suspect's constitutional rights, even when they themselves are split on the definition of "clear." Just as when the Department demands more tickets, arrests and field interviews, but will not protect you as an individual from groundless personnel complaints. Civil suits and personnel complaints, even when guilt is not established, all become grist for the "pattern of conduct" mill. It is unfortunate that this ruling and the resulting order from the Department will result in a less effective response to crime, but the alternative is to offer yourself and your family as potential sacrifices when you try too hard to be effective at your job. Hopefully, this decision will be appealed (and the Ninth Circuit is one of the most overturned circuits in the nation), but until a higher court speaks, this is the law. Hopefully, also, the City will continue to pay the damages assessed against Department employees as they have in the past. Deliberately violating the notice, however, may reduce your chances.

### It is Not Always Bad News

The defense representatives had a really good day recently. Six officers in three separate Boards of Rights were found not guilty. This is an indication that the system can work. Our thanks for the hard work of defense representatives Bob Simpach, Adolph Rodriguez, Bill Suddeth, Mark Mireles, Scott Rate and Paul Weber. Credit also goes to Board members Captain George Gascon, Captain Bruce Crosley, Civilian David MacPherson, Commander Dan Koenig, Captain James Vogue, Civilian Richard Anthony, Captain Walter Schick, Captain Ronald Eutsey and Civilian Walter Coombs for their careful attention to the evidence presented to them.

As you can see from the above, representation is important. If you are interested in helping the system work, two representative schools are going to be given this year. Contact your training coordinator and have him or her write a 15.2 to Lt. Eric Coulter at the Officer Representation Section, or call (213) 485-9516.

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## Zine

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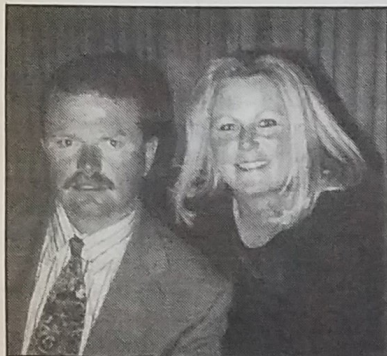


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Valley Traffic Division Officers Joe Barnes and Mary Brady enjoying the MMOC Holiday Party.

the biggest being the Spring Internet World gathering in April with 62,000 delegates. Following that, 60,000 delegates will be attending the National Association of Music Merchants



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The Annual MMOC Holiday Party was enjoyed by all the ladies.

Convention. We are currently gearing up for the National Democratic Convention. We need retired members and family members to assist us with our planned activities. Since many of our active members will be deployed to Convention-related law enforcement activities, we need others to assist us.

evening and were ready to respond to any incidents. Our travels throughout the City were uneventful. At midnight, we were at the Hollywood sign with a few Hollywood Division officers to witness the "spectacular" once-in-a-lifetime light show that was advertised. After watching televised events around the world, we anticipated that this would be one incredible show. Well, it was such a flop that even Jay Leno, who was part of the lighting ceremony, made fun of the fizzle on his national show for a week after New Year's Eve. It got so bad that Mayor Riordan asked Jay to cut the jokes.

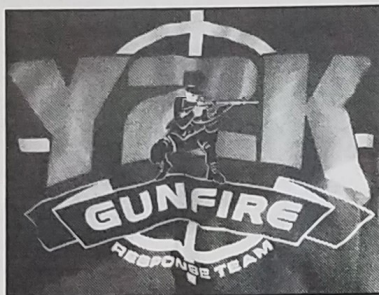


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It has come and gone, and we are still here.

Jay is a wise man who was just telling the truth about the fizzle. Mayor Riordan should discipline the people involved in coordinating the Los Angeles Celebrate

2000 New Year's Eve event. The Mayor likes to tout accountability and responsibility. Let's see some action, Mr. Mayor.

### Thank you for Your Support

It is now February, 2000, and your new Board of Directors is fully in place and ready to tackle the many challenges



photo by Dennis P. Zine  
Pacific Division Officer Gerry Smedley and Sgt. Jill Reinhold take control of a horse that wandered into Lt. Jerri Weinstein's office.

If you will be available in August and wish to assist us, please contact me and I will put you on our list of volunteers. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

### Y2K Deployment

Congratulations to all of the dedicated members of the Department who pulled together for the excellent deployment on New Year's Eve. While the evening went smooth, we can all appreciate the planning and sacrifices made by everyone involved. Ted Hunt and I worked that

we face in the upcoming months. I appreciate those of you who voted for me for the League's Vice President position. I will serve you with the best of my ability and pledge to work closely with our president, Ted Hunt. I support Ted in his vision for the League.

### Dates to Remember

Valentine's Day is February 14. Buy a Barry White love song for your sweetheart.

## Hillman

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- **Develop your employees' writing skills.** Strong writing skills are essential for those in any leadership position. Weak writing skills can translate into employees that are not adequately recognized, lawsuits that are unnecessarily lost, programs that are not approved, correspondence never initiated, subordinates who are not developed, and an increased workload for you.
- **Develop an open-line of communication with your employees.** Work hard at developing the type of rapport with your personnel where you are likely to be warned of issues that you

need to be aware of, so that you can prevent things from going sideways. Early intervention and positive resolution will almost always prevent issues from becoming major problems. Most work place disputes and employee differences arise from a breakdown in communications.

The Los Angeles Police Department has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the world. However, maintaining that prestige will take the collective efforts of every officer and supervisor of this Department. I challenge everyone who leads in any capacity to develop and exercise solid leadership and supervisory practices on a daily basis, and to develop your personnel to their fullest potential.

## Sands

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sustained complaints are addressed and given the appropriate weight, as to the officer's promotability. However, based on the Chief of Police's BOI policy, he is removing certain candidates from a promotional list, for sustained complaints which have already been addressed by two different boards (the Civil Service Board and the Promotional Assessment Board), and both have recommended that the officer be promoted. The League has many concerns involving the Chief's BOI policy.

First, it violates Los Angeles Police Department Manual Section 2/094, in that BOI's are to be used for investigating a particular incident involving Department personnel. An old sustained complaint has already been adjudicated by the Chief of Police and reviewed by the Civil Service Commission and Promotional Assessment Board, prior to the candidate being placed on a promotion list. In other words, the sustained complaint has already been investigated and addressed.

Second, the implementation of BOI's are not uniformly and equally applied to all personnel.

Third, the Chief's BOI's policy violates the reasoning for having a Civil Service Commission Board and a Promo-

tional Assessment Board. These are the Boards in place to recommend to the Chief of Police the promotability of a candidate, not a BOI.

Another reason for concern is violation of state law in that officers are being denied the copy of the BOI's findings. Per state law, officers are entitled to a copy of any documentation which is detrimental. Additionally, is the Chief of Police's BOI policy another way of implementing additional discipline on an adjudicated complaint? I have filed numerous grievances addressing the issues stated. Some of the grievances address sustained complaints that are over six years old and range from a DUI to neglect of duty.

The Chief of Police's position is that the issues I have stated are not grievable. The League will be attempting to compel the Chief to arbitrate in Superior Court on these issues. Meanwhile, we will be attempting to meet and confer with the Chief to negotiate a more equitable BOI policy. The League, as I am sure with the Chief, wants the most qualified individuals promoted. However, the League feels there are procedures in place to insure that the most qualified are promoted, and the way the BOI's now are being implemented should not be part of that procedure.

Take Care and Be Safe.

## A Loving Son

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time, he tired of the Fire Department and returned to the LAPD where his law enforcement talents were recognized by all he encountered. He worked his way up to motors where he performed his duties in an exceptional way. Paul thrived on helping people and being the protector of society. Paul was the recipient of the Medal of Valor for heroic actions while assigned to patrol duties.

During a stop sign traffic stop in Foot-hill Division on June 2, 1983, at approximately 1700 hours, Paul was shot by a vicious criminal. I still remember the chilling radio broadcast that filled the airwaves following the shooting: Officer down, officer shot, officer needs help. We all responded Code 3 to the scene where an extensive search for the suspects took place. The entire Division along with all available Valley Bureau units responded to the command post. Metro officers and the Department's elite S.I.S. detectives were immediately put on the case. The neighbors of the community were all in shock with the senseless shooting of an LAPD officer enforcing traffic regulations in the quiet Lakeview Terrace neighborhood.

I made a follow-up to the hospital where I saw doctors and nurses all do their best to save the life of our colleague and friend. Their valiant efforts could not

repair the damage done by the piercing bullets that penetrated Paul's 35-year-old physically fit body. Paul was pronounced dead. Sorrow and tears swept the eyes of officers as they heard the news of his death.

Paul left his beautiful wife, Sandy, and their two young sons to continue the struggle with life. Bryce was nine and Ryan was four when Paul was murdered. As the years passed and memories faded, Bryce and Ryan always remembered their hero dad and pursued their education and matured to responsible adulthood. On December 17, 1999, I had the honor of attending the graduation ceremony of Officer Bryce Verna from the Los Angeles Police Academy. Many of Paul's former partners and friends were in attendance including Chief Daryl F. Gates, Tom Sawdon, Chuck Lovold, Jim Merit and many others. Motor officers from throughout the city also attended the graduation in a showing of respect for Officer Bryce Verna. Bryce was presented his father's badge, #193, which he will wear with great pride and honor. Ryan Verna is currently testing to join the LAPD and plans to follow in his father's and brother's footsteps.

Our prayers and thoughts will always remain with the Verna family. May the patron saint of all police officers, St. Michael, watch over and protect Officer Bryce Verna as he pursues his desire to protect and serve the people of Los Angeles.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Mr. Zine:

On behalf of the El Sereno Youth Center, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for your support of and participation in the fund-raiser held at the Staples Center. Your contribution helped raise more than \$95,000.

The monies raised will go directly to the center and provide much-needed financial support to keep programs alive and children involved in after-school projects. Your help allows the center to continue providing these valuable services to our community's children now and well into the future.

Again, on behalf of the El Sereno Youth Center, we extend our deepest appreciation for your support and look forward to seeing you again next year.

The children of the El Sereno Youth Center will be forever grateful to you.

Sincerely,  
Margie Huitron  
Executive Director

Nick Pacheco  
Councilmember, 14th District

Guest Services  
Knott's Berry Farm  
Buena Park, CA 90620

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the thousands of the Los Angeles Police Protective League members, I would like to personally express our sincere appreciation to Knott's Berry Farm for sponsoring your Annual Fire and Law Enforcement Days which were held from November 20th to December 17, 1999. Your annual event is greatly appreciated by our dedicated Los Angeles Police Officers and their families.

While the Los Angeles Police Department is currently experiencing a major crisis, it is nice to know that organizations like yours appreciate the dedication, professionalism and sacrifices made by the thousands of honest and honorable Los Angeles Police Department officers.

Very truly yours,  
Ted Hunt, President

Dennis P. Zine,  
Director/Public Relations

## Hunt

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money—LAPD's own report stated it saved the City millions of dollars—and if CWS is a significant benefit to retaining officers, then, not to have CWS is an irresponsible decision.

Third, LAPD's pension system is not competitive with either the Highway Patrol's or the State's Police Employees Retirement System (PERS). Significant changes must be made to enhance the retirement system so as to retain experienced officers.

Fourth, the Department must become more worker friendly. Officers need to be treated with dignity and respect.

LAPD is offering a \$2000 bonus to attract people from out of town to the

Dear Editor:

I read and re-read Gary Ingemunson's December "Warning Bells" article with bewilderment and disbelief. That three separate appellate court judges and a federal judge could rule as they did merely enforces the belief that police officers in general, and Los Angeles police officers in particular, have absolutely no rights whatsoever. Now a Los Angeles police officer has no avenue to redress any wrongdoings or abuses on the part of management or to redress a false complaint made against them. How very sad indeed.

The *Blue Line* is my monthly reminder that I made the right decision to retire when I did.

Sincerely,  
William A. Scheideker, #17576  
Retired Defense Rep

Dear Editor:

On December 1, 1999, we received the tragic news that Matthew Lawrence, the 12-year-old son of Sgt. II Don Lawrence, passed away as a result of an asthma attack. The attack came suddenly and without warning on Thanksgiving eve.

The news was hard on all of us at Transit Bus Division, Don's newly assigned division. We wondered how a parent's worst nightmare could happen to anyone, especially a person like Don. If you knew him, you would know exactly what I mean.

What I did not anticipate was how the members of our Department came together as soon as the news of the tragedy spread. There was nothing that could be done to bring Matthew back to us. However, brother officers stood up and were present to make the difficult road for the Lawrence family a little easier.

First, Sgt. Mike Apodaca and Officer Holly Kapra, who were at Don and his wife, Chris's, side when Matthew was at the hospital several days before his death, being helpful, offering guidance, and subsequently making the funeral arrangements. There was our captain, Vance Proctor, along with Commander Zimmon. Going beyond the call of duty giving Don all the assistance he needed to cope. There was the outpouring of help from the officers of Transit Bus Division. The pain and sorrow was evident on their faces every day at roll call. Lt. Michael Brooks who was constantly at Don and Chris's side,

Department plus a \$200 finder's fee. That is \$2200. Spread over a year, that is \$183 per month. Why not invest in keeping what you already have?

The decisions to be made in the next few months is about the future of Los Angeles. The officers who make up the Department will make a difference in the quality of life in this City. The question to the Mayor, the City Council and the Police Commission has to be -- What kind of officer do you want answering the call to your home or to your business?

The quality of the officers you hire and retain will make the difference in business and commerce in the City of Los Angeles. Keep the ones you have while you look for new high quality officers.

ensuring they were receiving everything they needed. In addition, the response from officers and Capt. Seban of Foothill Division, Sgt. Danny Roman, Sgt. John Cooley and many others who stepped up to the plate and provided assistance. One of my most memorable events was when an old friend, Lt. Tom Smart, West Valley Division, walked in the station with an envelope containing money and handed it to me. He told me that it was from the officers of West Valley. They did not know Don but were touched by Matthew's death.

I just can't say "thank you" enough for providing Don with all the prayers and assistance. I am sure there are a lot of you that I missed. Nevertheless, I can tell you this—I am a true believer that we are a family, especially in the hour of need.

Bob Heredia, Sergeant  
Transit Bus Division  
Los Angeles Police Department

Los Angeles Police Protective League:

Thank you for sending my picture with "Clint Eastwood." The Protective League certainly "made my day" on the arrival of the picture.

The Outlaw Josey Wales and I have been the talk of our friends since the picture arrived. Everyone thought it was Clint Eastwood! I shall treasure my picture forever and my most sincere thank you for making this girl happy.

Clint Eastwood has been my favorite actor for a long time, so the Protective League "Made My Day."

Thank you once again and the very best to every one of you in 2000.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Gillespie  
North Charleston City Council

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Steven L. Curish #13207  
RANK: Detective I  
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart  
BORN: January 1, 1942  
APPT: April 24, 1967  
RETIRED: July 24, 1989  
DIED: August 18, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Frank J. Sheridan #6711  
RANK: Police Officer  
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Services  
BORN: March 6, 1923  
APPT: June 1, 1950  
RETIRED: January 5, 1972  
DIED: October 3, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: George L. Restovich  
(No serial # found)  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: Motor Transport  
BORN: February 9, 1916  
APPT: July 8, 1942  
RETIRED: July 9, 1972  
DIED: November 30, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Jeffery T. Esparza #26374  
RANK: Detective II  
ASSIGNED TO: Newton  
BORN: December 29, 1963  
APPT: November 14, 1988  
ACTIVE  
DIED: December 18, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Donald J. Furlong #2066  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood  
BORN: March 23, 1915  
APPT: September 3, 1940  
RETIRED: September 5, 1962  
DIED: December 18, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: John Alston #4526  
RANK: Police Officer  
ASSIGNED TO: Communication  
BORN: March 1921  
APPT: April 28, 1947  
RETIRED: July 3, 1964  
DIED: December 27, 1999

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NAME: Jay J. Rempfer #12573  
RANK: Police Officer III  
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill  
BORN: August 22, 1943  
APPT: October 25, 1965  
RETIRED: July 16, 1989  
DIED: December 31, 1999

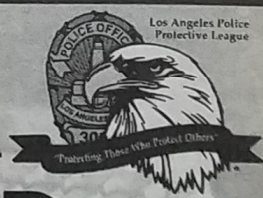
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NAME: Luverne B. Nybo #3596  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Detectives  
BORN: March 7, 1921  
APPT: April 15, 1946  
RETIRED: July 3, 1966  
DIED: January 4, 2000

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

**Sgt. Roger Murphy, #30117**  
**Officer Humberto Franco, #32642**  
**Officer William Snowden, #23450**  
**Pacific Division**

Sgt. Murphy, #30117, Officer Franco, #32642 and Officer Snowden, #23450, were working Pacific Crime Suppression Unit. We were in full uniform walking a footbeat in the area of 6th Ave. and Broadway due to ongoing complaints from robbery victims and citizens living in the area concerning the following: M/blks wearing "ninja" style clothing (all black with masks covering their faces), armed with handguns and using laser lights to flag down potential narcotic buyers. We were also in the area due to a recent homicide that occurred at ABV LOC.

We went to the location of 563 and 565 Broadway looking for a m/blk approximately 6 feet, 220 pounds, wearing all black. We had previously observed this person approaching pedestrians and vehicles in the area in a manner consistent with a narcotic street dealer (these observations were made from different locations during an approximate 30 minute duration). As we checked the courtyard of the apartment complex of 565 Broadway we heard and then observed several persons whistling and calling out from the sidewalk and street in front of 563 Broadway (these came from two pedestrians and a bicyclist). We then stood behind the bushes bordering the sidewalk and courtyard watching for ABV suspect.

As we waited, we observed the suspect approach two m/blks on the southwest corner of 6th Ave. and Broadway and hold a brief conversation. One of them stated "Wait here" then walked away eastbound out of their view. We continued watching the suspect, believing he was possibly attempting to purchase cocaine. At approximately 0005 hours, the m/blk returned stating "I been

up and down the block, nobody has anything."

Sgt. Murphy and I formulated a plan to attempt to sell the suspect what he would believe to be cocaine (we have participated in several reverse buy operations with West Bureau Narcotics in which macadamia nuts are sold to buyers who are attempting to possess cocaine). I picked up an off-white rock on the ground the same approximate size as what is commonly sold for \$20 on the street and looked out of an approximately 6 inch gap in the bushes. I then whistled in a manner that I have heard narcotic buyers and sellers use to gain attention. The suspect then approached the sidewalk on the other side of my bush and I stated "What you want?" The suspect immediately stated "I want a dove" (Dove is street vernacular for \$20 of rock cocaine) and faced the bush. I stated "Let me see the money," and he held up a wad of folded currency with his left hand. The suspect stated "Let me see the rock first," and I stuck my hand through the bush with the rock in the palm. The suspect bent his face down to approximately eight inches from my palm and felt the rock. The suspect then picked up the rock with his right thumb and index finger as Sgt. Murphy and Officer Franco exited the courtyard and walked up behind the suspect. Sgt. Murphy announced himself as the police as the suspect was looking at the rock in his right palm. The suspect immediately raised the rock to his mouth and swallowed it. Officer Franco then recovered the folded currency from the suspect's left hand (a ten, one five and three dollar bills, item #1). Deft. arrested 664/11350a H&S (attempt possession).

## A Century Of Sacrifice

by Craig W. Floyd

As we duly note the great achievements of the 20th century and the persons responsible for them, I would like to throw in my two cents for a group of largely forgotten American heroes, our nation's police officers.

When we talk about their achievements, let's start with the fact that the nation's crime rate is at its lowest level in some 30 years. Some may argue that good policing may not be in the same league as being the greatest sports hero, or writing the best song, but keeping our homes and families safe and secure should count for something. Hitting 70 home runs in a single baseball season is a pretty incredible feat, but so is going undercover and busting a billion dollar drug trafficking operation. Conquering Mount Everest took a lot of courage, but so did taking a bullet for the president. And, just as developing a vaccine for a deadly disease saved countless lives, so did the DARE officers in our schools and the state troopers patrolling our highways.

Unfortunately, the achievements of our officers have come at great risk and tremendous personal sacrifice. Just consider, for example, that between 1900 and the end of 1998, more than 14,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers in the United States were killed in the line of duty. Half of the officers who died this century, or nearly 7,000, were killed by firearms. Another 30 percent, or about 4,000, died in traffic-related accidents. These and the numerous other causes of death prove the point that a cop is only a call away from the next life-threatening moment.

There were times during this past century when the heroic actions of our officers received national attention. We will never forget that Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit was shot and killed trying to

capture the man who assassinated President John F. Kennedy. The Attica prison riot, and the seven correctional officers who died there, will always be remembered as one of the most tragic events of the past 100 years. And, in more recent memory, there was no greater outpouring of national grief and outrage than when two officers--Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson--were brutally gunned down at the U.S. Capitol. More often than not, though, the extraordinary service and sacrifice given by our officers over the past 100 years went largely unnoticed.

The deadliest decade for our officers was not the Roaring '20s when gangsters fought police on the streets. It was not the '30s when despair gripped the nation during the Great Depression. Interestingly, it was the 1970s when a total of 2,215 officers were killed in the line of duty, including an all-time high of 271 in 1974. Thankfully, the number of police fatalities has declined steadily since then. In the 1980s we averaged 187 officer fatalities each year, and in the 1990s (through 1998) we averaged 156.

A combination of factors appears to be making life safer for our officers, including better training, improved equipment, the increased use of bullet-resistant vests, and the overall drop in crime. This is a trend that will only continue if our elected leaders remain committed to providing law enforcement with the manpower and other resources needed to effectively combat an increasingly sophisticated and cold-blooded criminal element.

Others will have to judge our nation's success in meeting those important challenges during the next century. In the meantime, as presidential contenders try to win over the electorate, I would like to cast my vote for America's law enforcement officers. The category: greatest unsung achievement by a profession in the 20th century.

## Police Deaths Drop Dramatically In 1999

The number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty dropped by more than 15 percent during 1999, making the last 10 years the safest decade for police since the '60s, and providing further proof that crime is on a steep downward slide nationwide.

Led by a 29 percent decline in shooting deaths, the number of officers killed during the past 12 months dropped to 130, compared to 156 police fatalities in 1998, according to preliminary figures released today by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). Fewer police officers died in 1999 than in any year since 1965.


"A combination of factors appears to be making life safer for our officers," observed NLEOMF Chairman Craig W. Floyd, "including better training, improved equipment, the increased use of bullet-resistant vests, and the overall drop in crime." The average number of officers killed each year during the 1990s averaged 153, compared to 187 during the '80s, and 222 during the '70s--the deadliest decade in law enforcement history.

The 45 officers who were shot to death in 1999 represented the fewest number of officers killed by firearms in a single year since 1962. There were 63 firearms-re-


lated police fatalities in 1998. This announcement comes on the heels of an FBI report that showed a 10 percent decline in serious crime in the United States during the first half of 1999, extending the nationwide crime drop to 7-1/2 years.


Of the 130 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 1999, 47 died in automobile accidents, 45 were shot to death, 15 succumbed to job-related illnesses, eight were struck by vehicles, seven died in motorcycle accidents, for were killed in aircraft accidents, two were stabbed, one died in a fall, and one was struck and killed by a train. This is the first year ever that automobile accidents caused more police fatalities than shooting incidents. Texas was the deadliest state in the nation last year for police officers, with 10 fatalities; followed by Georgia with nine, North Carolina and Tennessee with eight, and California and Florida with seven each.

"It is encouraging to know that the number of police fatalities in our country is going down," commented COPS President Debbie Geary. "However, the fact remains that more than 1,500 officers have sacrificed their lives this decade to preserve public safety. Those officers and their families must never be forgotten."



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will present our third annual

# College Day

February 29, 2000

from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Los Angeles Police Academy

1880 North Academy Drive - Los Angeles (near Dodger Stadium)

The purpose of LAPPL College Day 2000 is to encourage police officers and civilian employees to further their formal education.

## Better Pay:

Sworn officers cannot obtain a POST Certificate beyond the Basic without college education. Most agencies have significant pay bonuses for higher education and/or advanced POST Certificates.

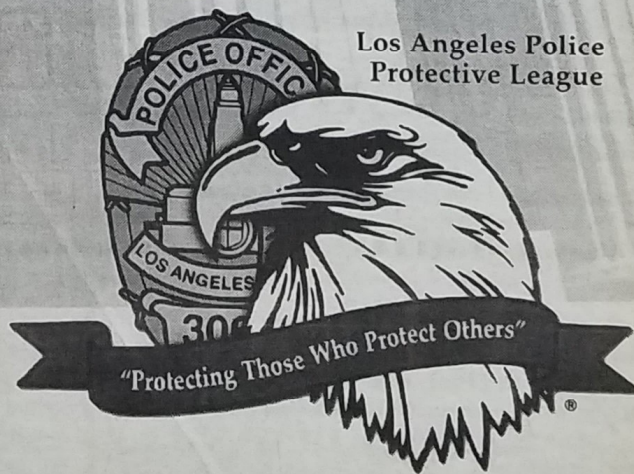
## Promotions:

Many agencies require a college education for promotions.

## Improved Service:

Studies indicate that a better educated officer provides a higher quality of service and is a lower liability risk to the employing agency.

LAPPL College Day 2000 is a forum for you (sworn officers and civilian employees) to determine which school is best for you. There will be over 50 colleges at LAPPL College Day 2000. You will be able to talk to several college counselors so you can find an educational program that will fit your complex job and family demands.



Los Angeles Police  
Protective League

For further information, please contact Ted Hunt at (213) 251-4554



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Police Corps Doesn't Pay

(Reprinted from The Washington Post.)

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations, which represents 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers nationwide, I'd like to respond to "For New Officers, Police Corps Pays" [Metro, Nov. 22]. My organization opposes the Police Corps program because it does not solve the problem of recruiting qualified officers and creates other problems within the profession.

The Police Corp pays for new officers recruited under the program, but not for new recruits who chose the traditional route or for active officers who desire a college education. The program creates special benefits for only a few officers, creating a decline in morale. Further, the Police Corps program has not helped recruit qualified law enforcement officers--its supposed goal.

The expenditure for each candidate is high--an estimated \$71,000 and the

candidate is committed to only four years of service.

The National Association of Police Organizations has been fighting for more equitable provisions to recruit and retain law enforcement officers, such as scholarship programs that benefit active officers. We also assert that the most effective way to recruit qualified candidates to serve as law enforcement officers is to offer competitive financial packages and a healthy working environment.

Spending an undue amount of funds on officers who are required to spend just four years in law enforcement, while denying scholarship funds to those who already have committed themselves to a career in law enforcement, makes no sense.

Robert T. Scully  
Executive Director  
National Association of Police Organizations, Washington

Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union  
Main Office, Academy, Jesse Brewer, and  
Manchester Branches will be closed on  
**Monday, February 21, 2000,**  
in observance of Presidents' Day.

### Suspension Of Questioning Suspects Who Invoke Miranda Rights

#### Effective: Immediately

In November, 1999, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in *California Attorneys for Criminal Justice v. James T. Butts* that further questioning of a suspect after that suspect has invoked his/her Miranda rights may subject officers and the city to civil liability. The court's decision denied immunity to officers who had intentionally continued to question a suspect after he had invoked his right to silence and to counsel. The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office has requested a rehearing of the *Butts* decision and the outcome of this request is still pending.

Effective immediately and until further judicial clarification, officers shall

no longer question a suspect regarding criminal activity (including any "debriefing" questions), after the suspect has invoked his/her Miranda rights. However, this Notice does not change the way officers obtain information for the purposes of processing arrestees (booking information, medical treatment, etc.) and/or completing the Investigator's Final Report, Form 5.10.

Commanding officers shall ensure that all sworn personnel receive a copy of this Notice and sign the attached Acknowledgement of Receipt. The Acknowledgement of Receipt shall then be filed in each employee's divisional personnel package.

### Suicide Prevention Center Needs More Volunteers

The Suicide Prevention Center needs new volunteers to help staff its 24-hour crisis line. You can join the team that makes a real difference in people's lives. Since 1958, the Center has helped tens of thousands of people in crisis. The Suicide Prevention Center was the first 24-hour hotline in the United States to specialize in suicide prevention. Today, we are seeking additional volunteers to help answer the increasing number of crisis calls.

No previous experience is necessary to volunteer. A training by professionals provides the needed skills. Volunteers affluent in Spanish and English are especially needed. Volunteers can choose from available shifts, day or night, that best meet their schedule. To receive a volunteer application, call Chuck Gubera at (310) 751-5373.

More For Your Information on next page

### Los Angeles Police Protective League Announces

## 17th Annual Scholarship Awards Program

The Los Angeles Police Protective League is proud to announce the Seventeenth Annual Scholarship Awards Program which is open to college-bound dependents of LAPPL members, both active and retired, who have held continuous membership in the League for more than one year prior to the dependent's application. Nearly \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded. To qualify:

- ☐ An applicant must be a 2000 high school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- ☐ The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- ☐ The essay will be administered at the Los Angeles Police Academy on March 25, 2000, at 10:00 am. **The essay portion will be administered only on one day, at one time, and at one location.** Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The Scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee and the awards will be presented in the Spring of 2000.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2000 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form below and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.** You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **213-251-4599** or send E-mail to **LAPPL@aol.com.**

Very truly yours,  
TED HUNT, President and  
Scholarship Committee Chairman

### Request for Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must be returned to the League no later than March 3, 2000. Applications received after that date will be returned.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Assignment of League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Active: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This is not a scholarship application. It is a request form only.

**Applications must be obtained from the League Office at:**  
1308 W. 8th Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Applications must be received at the League office by  
**Friday, March 3, 2000**



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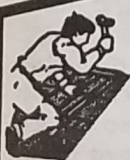
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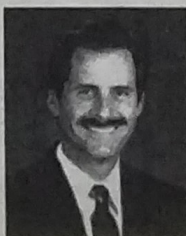
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## Officer Safety and Radio Communications

by Sgt. André Belotto  
Newton Patrol Division

First Scenario: You're on patrol and you hear Officer "A" request assistance over his radio. He was only able to voice that he "needed assistance and had suspects at gunpoint." You are a few blocks away and you immediately respond to your fellow officer's location. You drive around a corner and find that you're the first unit to arrive, but you also discover that you're downrange from Officer "A"'s shotgun. Moments earlier, Officer "A" notified dispatch that he was on a "traffic stop at Main Street and Elm Avenue."

Second Scenario: You and your partner see a vehicle cruising down the street and it's going a little bit over the speed limit. Upon closer observation you see that it's occupied by two local gang members who may have been involved in a gang fight the night before. You and your partner discuss stopping the vehicle for investigative purposes and for the speed violation. You are the driver and contact officer. Your partner is the cover officer and in charge of communications. You hear your partner advise dispatch that your unit is "on a vehicle stop at First Street and Oak Avenue." You begin to approach the driver's side of the violator's vehicle and see that the driver is holding a pistol in his hand. You yell "gun" and begin to back up to your police vehicle as your partner takes cover behind a tree. You start to give commands for the driver to put his hands up and out the window, and your partner is busy covering you so he doesn't have time to get on the radio and voice any requests. He only has time to push the radio's alarm button. Dispatch broadcasts an "officer needs help" at First and Oak.

Several units are responding and you can hear the sirens in the distance. You and your partner are still busy with the armed suspects as a couple of responding units approach toward your location from downrange of your and your partner's gun barrels. You pray to God that these suspects don't decide to shoot it out because officers are still in the line of fire. The above scenarios are all too common in police work. Radio communications are usually too general and need to become more specific at first when things are calm and before any surprises come up. Responding officers in the above scenarios should not have to tie up the radio frequency inquiring "which way does the unit want me to respond?" The officers requesting assistance may not have time to talk on the radio and give an update. Yet, if the primary unit was not specific when they communicated that they were at Main and Elm or at First and Oak, units have a 25% chance, or one chance in four, of approaching the intersection toward their fellow officers' line of fire.

If the officers are on a stop in the middle of a block, those chances increase to 50%. That exposure to cross-fire is avoidable, and also unacceptable. The above situations could have easily been made safer for responding officers, and at the same time, kept radio frequencies clear and available for the officers in need of assistance should they have needed it. In my FTO days, tactical radio communications was one of the first topics of discussion with my new "boot" or probationary officer.

In the first scenario, the initial broadcast to dispatch should have been: "Unit X, show me a traffic stop on license ABC123, southbound Main south of Elm." Should an emergency occur, responding officers know NOT to respond northbound Main toward Elm without

having to ask. In the second scenario, the cover officer should have communicated their intentions to dispatch as follows: "Unit Y, show me Code-6 on a vehicle, license 321XYZ, with two occupants, northbound First just south of Oak." Here again, responding officers know that Unit Y has a little more than a traffic stop since they broadcasted a "Code-6" instead of a "Traffic Stop." Even before an emergency arises, responding units will know not to respond southbound First from Oak because the unit advised that they were south of Oak. Officer-safety-minded communications via radio is not difficult, it just takes practice and consistency until it becomes second nature.

Officers owe it to each other to think of every stop as a situation in which fellow officers may also have to respond. Look out for their safety. It's obvious that not every situation will involve firearms being pointed at suspects but whenever possible responding units should never respond in an opposite direction from which the primary unit is facing. Responding in an opposite direction at night might have responding officers facing high beams and spotlights and their night vision goes on a hiatus for a few minutes.

We can all picture the dangers of approaching a location where officers have armed suspects at gunpoint and all we see is bright lights. Again, not all situations will have officers facing the direction their vehicle is pointing, although in most traffic stops that is the case.

Tactical radio communications should also be applied during pedestrian stops as well. You are assigned a footbeat detail and instead of notifying dispatch that you are on a "pedestrian (or "ped" stop) at Spruce Street and Kelp Avenue," a more specific way of broadcasting would be "Unit FB5, ped stop on the parking lot, northwest corner of Spruce and Kelp." Should you get into a hand-to-hand combat with the suspect, and are rolling in the parking lot pavement between cars trying to keep your gun from being taken, you don't want responding officers looking for you at the other three corner lots at Spruce and Kelp. You want them in YOUR parking lot, in YOUR corner of Spruce and Kelp, and want them NOW!

Think about it and discuss it with your partner today.

### Career Development News

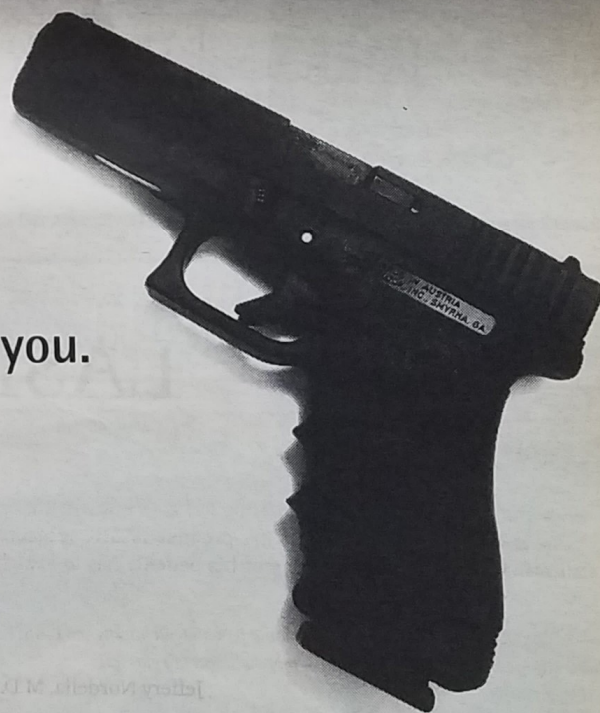
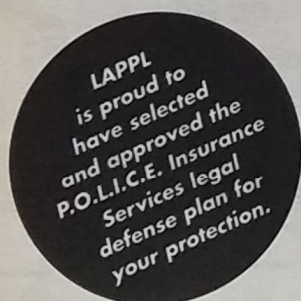
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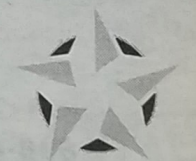
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The organization was formed by a police officer in the Bergen County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office, who was also a Vietnam Vet. Having an interest in motorcycling and helping others, he built this family-oriented organization. Other law enforcement personnel and veterans became interested and the organization was started with a total of thirteen full patch members.

The organization truly believes in the POW/MIA issue and also we pledge to give whatever help we can to our fellow law enforcement officers who are in need. We also aid the homeless veteran and those that are being hospitalized in our veteran homes.

From its inception, many people have expressed an interest in the club and, as a result of this interest, the club has experienced tremendous growth. 1999 is the tenth anniversary of the Nam Knights of America and we are very proud to say that we have grown to twelve chapters up and down the East coast.

If interested call retired Detective Ozzy Oswald at 626-930-5868.

### Suspect or Officer?

**ANSWER:** Newton Vice Officers, Mario Mota & Ernie Williams.

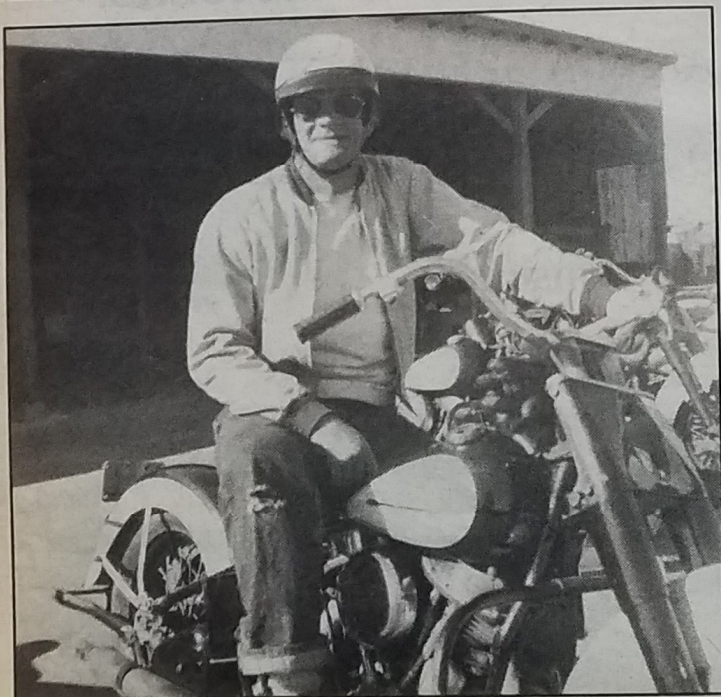
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## Mystery Cop Photo



Identify this motor cop for a League logo package.

## Poet's Corner

by Urrutia, #24900, CTD

Lord, another year has passed,  
too soon we feel the grip of old  
age as we continue to  
work and to pray.

We find ourselves more tired  
now too, even though we have  
so much more to do.

What else then, dear Father,  
remains for us to do. But to give  
you thanks and praise as you  
have taught us to.

And thank you, Father, for all the  
blessings you have given me. I  
wanted to thank you for those too.

Father, I needed to write to you  
again. And again to ask you to

protect me now and then. It's not  
an easy job we do, sometimes we  
pull it together with some paper  
and some glue. The people,  
they're still the same. Some are  
younger most are gray and our  
chiefs are still so vain.

We do what we have, it's not  
much for our morale.

We continue with the struggle,  
we feel we are corralled.

Same things happen, nothing's  
changed, we continue on this ride.

And if we continue here, we'll  
retire or we'll die.

### Cops on the Take

First they take the oath.  
Now look at all they take:  
They take it in stride  
when people call them pig.

They take time to stop  
and talk to children.  
They take your verbal abuse  
while giving you a ticket  
you really deserved.

They take on creeps you would  
be afraid to even look at.  
They take time away from their  
family to keep you safe.

They take your injured child  
to the hospital.  
They take the graveyard shift  
without complaint because  
it's their turn.

They take their life into  
their hands daily.  
They take you home when  
your car breaks down.

They take time to explain why both  
your headlights have to work.  
They take the job no one else wants-  
telling you a loved one has died.

They take criminals to jail.  
They take in sights that would  
make you cry.

Sometimes they cry too,  
but they take it anyway  
because someone has to.  
If they are lucky, they take  
retirement.

They take memories to bed each  
night that you couldn't bear for  
even one day.

Sometimes, they take a bullet.  
And yes, occasionally they may  
take a free cup of coffee.  
Then one day they pay for all they  
have taken, and God takes them.

God bless ALL COPS everywhere!

- Author Unknown

## ANNUAL SWAT DINNER

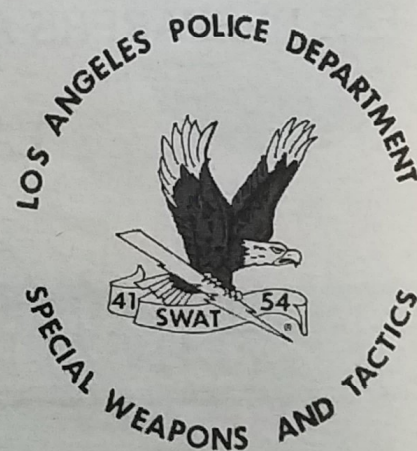
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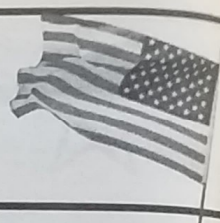
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# VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

## American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, #381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,  
6:30pm - Panorama City  
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Adjutant Frank Ortiz  
160 N. Glendora Avenue  
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### Welcome Recruit Class #12-99

On December 20, 1999, Marty Chalupa welcomed the 12-99 LAPD recruit class. The seven with prior military service joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: **Thomas Conrad** (USN), **Davis Giron** (USMC), **Henry Joe** (USMC), **Robert Metoyer** (USA), **Ryan Powell** (USMC), **Wendy Schultz** (USA), **Daniel Suarez** (USMC).

### Benefits

There are several companies that offer special services or discounted prices to the members of the American Legion. Each month, I will list some of these companies. There are two in the "eye care" field. "Rx America," 800-905-9818, and "Eye Care of America," 800-221-3272. For more information on benefits, visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

### Trivia

Where did the "ambulance" get started (figuratively, not literally)? The ambulance once brought the hospital to the patient. The French called this field hospital "hospitals ambulants." From this name, ambulance was applied to the vehicle. After the process was reversed, the patients were transported to the hospital, the vehicle retained the name.

How about "bringing home the bacon"? It was once the practice at county fairs to grease a pig and let him loose among a number of contestants. The person who successfully caught the pig kept it, so, of course, he would "bring home the bacon."

How did "wash out" become to mean a failure? Early in the 19th century, British soldiers learned marksmanship by shooting at iron targets. If their marks (or scores) weren't good enough, the marks would be painted over or

"whitewashed." Thus "washout" came to mean a failure or a disappointment.

### The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. February 14th is Valentine's Day. Our February meeting on 2/15/2000 is in honor of our wives and sweethearts. Hopefully they are one and the same person. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00. There is a \$5 donation for dinner—guests are gratis. Location: the Panorama Post, at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant **Frank Ortiz**, (626) 331-4271.

### The Warriors, The American G.I.

From disparate roots but united by patriotic courage, U.S. soldiers preserved freedom around the world.

G.I. is a World War II term that two generations later continues to conjure up the warmest and proudest memories of a noble war that pitted pure good against evil—and good triumphed. The victors in that war were the American G.I.s, the Willies and Joes, the farmer from Iowa and the steelworker from Pittsburgh who stepped off a landing craft into the hell of Omaha Beach. The G.I. was the wise-cracking kid Marine from Brooklyn who clawed his way up a deadly hill on Pacific Island. He was a black fighter pilot escorting white bomber pilots over Italy and Germany, proving that skin color had nothing to do with skill or courage. He was a native Japanese-American infantryman released from his own country's concentration camp to join the fight. She was a nurse relieving the agony of a dying teenager. He was a petty officer standing on the edge of a heaving aircraft carrier with two signal paddles in his hands, helping guide a dive-bomber pilot back onto the deck.

They were America. They reflected our diverse origins. They were the embodiment of the American spirit of courage and dedication. They were truly a "people's army," going forth on a crusade to save democracy and freedom, to defeat tyrants, to save oppressed peoples and to make their families proud of them. They were the Private Ryans, and they stood firm in the thin red line. For most of those G.I.s, World War II was the adventure of their lifetime. Nothing they would ever do in the future would match their experiences as the warriors of democracy, saving the world from its own insanity.

You can still see them in every 4th of July color guard, their gait faltering but ever proud... The G.I. carried the value

system of the American people. The G.I.s were the surest guarantee of America's commitment. For more than 200 years, they answered the call to fight the nation's battles. They never went forth as mercenaries on the road to conquest. They went forth as reluctant warriors, as citizen soldiers. They were as gentle in victory as they were vicious in battle. I've had survivors of Nazi concentration camps tell me of the joy they experienced as the G.I.s liberated them! America had arrived! I've had a wealthy Japanese businessman come into my office and tell me what it was like for him as a child in 1945 to await the arrival of the dreaded American beasts, and instead meet a smiling G.I. who gave him a Hershey bar. In thanks, the businessman was donating a large sum of money to the USO. After thanking him, I gave him a souvenir, a Hershey bar I had autographed. He took it and began to cry.

The 20th century can be called many things, but it was most certainly a century of war. The American G.I.s helped defeat fascism and communism. They came home in triumph from the ferocious battlefields of World Wars I and II. In Korea and Vietnam they fought just as bravely as any of their predecessors, but no triumphant receptions awaited them at home. They soldiered on through the twilight struggles of the cold war and showed what they were capable of in *Desert Storm*. The American people took them into their hearts again. In this century hundreds of thousands of G.I.s died to bring to the beginning of the 21st century the victory of democracy as the ascendant political system on the face of the earth. The G.I.s were willing to travel far away and give their lives, if necessary, to secure the rights and freedoms of others. Only a nation such as ours, based on a firm moral foundation, could make such a request of its citizens. The volunteer G.I.s of today stand watch in Korea, the Persian Gulf, Europe and the dangerous terrain of the Balkans. We must never see them as mere hirelings, off in a corner of our society. They are our best, we owe them our full support and our sincerest thanks.

As this century closes, we look back to identify the great leaders and personalities of the past 100 years. We do so in a world still troubled, but full of promise. That promise was gained by the young men and women of America who fought and died for freedom. Near the top of any listing of the most important people of the 20th century must stand, in singular honor, the American G.I.

General Colin Powell,  
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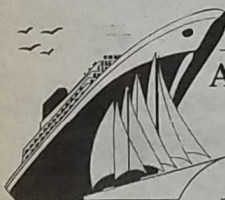
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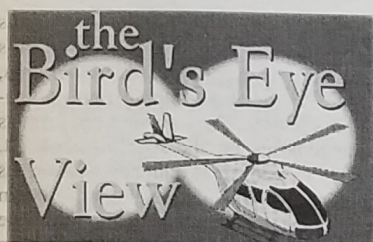
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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Cole Burdette  
Air Support Division

## ASD Happenings

Well, we made it through the holiday season and the millennium bug's bark was worse than his bite. I would first of all like to quash a vicious rumor. An Aircrew *did not* declare an emergency and make an off-site landing in the Toys-R-Us parking lot in order to buy the last Pokémon. Boy, I don't know how these things get started.

We celebrated our ASD Christmas party on December 11th. We all enjoyed a beautiful cruise in Newport Harbor on the Catalina Express with a seafood buffet, live band, dancing, and... well you were there and most of us remember the evening. Anyway, thanks a ton to our entire station fund committee on a wonderful event. We sincerely appreciate all of your hard work.

During the party, C/O Capt. **Ken Hale** presented our Air Support Division Annual Awards. The "Hooper" award is presented annually to the person at ASD who goes above and beyond the call of duty to make Air Support Division a better place to work. It's named after J. S. Hooper for whom our Heliport was dedicated. This year's recipient of the ASD Hooper Award was Lt. **Bob Green**. From everyone at Air Support, thanks for all of your hard work and dedication. The other ASD annual award is "ASD Aircrew of the Year." We all agree it's nice to get commendations or an occasional pat on the back for a job well done. Well, the Aircrew of the Year is voted on solely by Aircrew members which makes it most rewarding. This award shows that ASD Aircrews believe that this Aircrew of the year is Pilot **Bob Bean** and Tactical Flight Officer **Cole Burdette**. Congratulations.

As the new century begins, Air Support continues to evolve. Last month three Tactical Flight Officer Candidates "slipped through the cracks" and ranked outstanding after their one month loan. Welcome to ASD Officers **Dave Hernandez** (77th), **Adam Schiffer** (Harbor) and **Erwin Stowell** (VTD). The bad

news is the probation period for TFOs just changed from three to four DPs. Keep up the good work and the time will "fly by." This DP, **Al Canche** from Hollenbeck and **Bob Price**, MSD, are jumping into the left seat to give it a try. Good luck to you both. The last big change for the DP is we lost Lt. **Bob Green** to Rampart Division. We threw the lieutenant a little send-off barbecue ASD style, but this is one change that is tough to swallow. Rampart has been blessed and you will sincerely be missed, Lt. Green. Boy, change is sure constant. When I was a kid, "Pepe Le Pew" was a funny cartoon. Now it's considered stalking.

We all send wishes for a speedy recovery to former ASD Officer **Mike Partain** who suffered a heart attack. Mike is currently assigned Press Relations but will always be ASD family. Sgt. **John Preston** also had a recent scare. I understand it wasn't a heart attack but still very serious. As of this writing, Sgt. Preston is back to work but not yet 100%. And yes, of course, you are ASD family too, Sgt. Preston. Kind of like Billy Carter was to Jimmy. Just kidding, Sarge. Welcome back and get well soon.

## ASD Tip of the Month

To start out the new year and new century I would like to explain why we at Air Support Division include a "Tip of the Month" in each article. We are a support division in place to help you get your job done more safely, efficiently and effectively. Aircrew members do your job (work the street) a minimum of five years before becoming eligible to apply for a position here. We also see a large volume of police work being done from the air. We see a ton of examples of how to do things right and get the job done safely every day. We also see some examples of how not to do things. Like any professional organization, we evaluate what we see, discuss it, debrief it, and attempt to improve to make ourselves better. I attempt to discuss "tips" in order to share this information. My content comes from my personal experience as well as input from others and use of examples of incidents good and bad. We can all learn from both. Please send me input or ideas (Burdette, C. #26440) on the department e-mail or give me a call at 2600 if there is any comment or concern with my content. I hope you all enjoy and learn from the ASD Tip of the Month.

Be safe in the new year. You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.

## RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin  
Employee Opportunity  
and Development Division

The first out-of-state testing in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department yielded 205 candidates with a 97% passing rate. Those candidates that passed will be able to take the compressed testing here in Los Angeles by the time you read this article. This was great news for our section and those officers that spent many days away from their families including team leader Joe

Ferreira, #31051; Kip Jackson, #31733; Danny Chao, #31965; and Claudia Dunn, #G9428.

We are in the process of identifying over 40 other sites throughout the United States. If you know anybody who is interested in taking our test, we just might be in their hometown, so please give them our phone number at (323) 957-4529.

## The Welcoming Committee

To ensure that we can accommodate all of the necessary recruitment trips and further tests outside of Los Angeles, we have several new recruiters and we expect several more civilian staff to further bundle our small office. Last month, we acquired Officers Tracy McClanahan, #30131, from DHD; Keith Aulick, #30870, from Harbor; J. D. Garcia, #32362, from Rampart; and MA Rhonda Maxey-Dillihunt, G9646, from 77th Jail. We are glad to have all of you.

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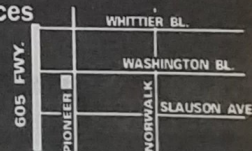
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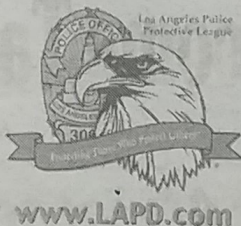
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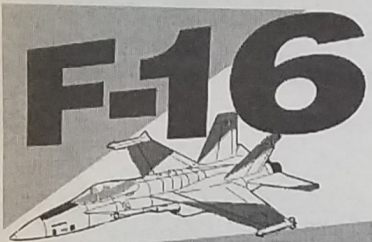
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

### Foothill Patrol

Officers to be commended, P-3 **Andy Garcia**, #27045, and P-3 **Duane Aikins**, #31039. Officers were in the area of Tujunga which is called the "Rock." They observed a vehicle being driven by a subject who, apparently aware of the officers' presence and scrutiny, threw an object out of the window. He then ran a stop sign in apparent inattention. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was contacted. The throw item was recovered.

The item was a wad of paper containing 86 wafers of rock cocaine. Also recovered pursuant to the investigation and arrest was \$91 from the driver's pocket.

The subject was booked at Foothill Station for 11351.5 H&S and detained at Sylmar Juv. Hall. These officers are commended for their observation skills, investigations and report capabilities.

### Congratulations...

Officer **Gloria Esquivel** and family. On December 27, 1999, at 1845 and 1845 hours Gloria delivered healthy fraternal twin girls, Nina Delores and Geena Jacqueline, weighing 6.8 pounds and 6.5 pounds, and 18.5 inches.

### Detectives

In detectives we have what is called the Career Criminal Unit, which is run by D-2 **Robert Vanina**, #22148, P-3 **Brian Pogue**, #30523, P-2 **Bobby Royal**, #31456, P-2 **Mark Hogan**, #31497, and **Trevin Grant**, #32759.

This unit has compiled astonishing statistics given their small number of officers in this detail. The areas in which they have include felony arrest, multiple clearances and recovered stolen property. The unit has arrested over 106 felony predators from the Foothill area. The arrests include burglars, car thieves, drug

dealers, receivers and persons for indecent exposure.

The unit has recovered 9 handguns, 4 rifles and 2 shotguns, of which three were reported stolen. This unit is responsible for returning approximately \$21,000, have stolen property back to the rightful owners, and are currently processing in excess of \$100,000 of unclaimed stolen property. While collecting the above property and arrest, this unit has seized well over two pounds of narcotics and \$13,600 in cash (contraband), which has been forfeited through Asset/Forfeiture Division. These officers are commended for their attention to duty, teamwork, investigation skills, and for improving the quality of life for the citizens in Foothill Area.

This unit was involved in an investigation of a Hot Prowl Burglary suspect named Robert Ayala who was living in the Arleta area. Det. **Morales** conducted a workup on the suspect and revealed he was a parolee at large, wanted since Nov., 1995. This unit conducted a follow-up to the address and discovered the suspect was kicked out of the location. The officers were able to identify a vehicle the suspect was living out of, unknown location. Officer put out a wanted bulletin to all patrol watches. AM Watch officers **Washington**, #27354, and **Kotsinadelis**, #33478, spotted the described vehicle at the auto part zone on Sepulveda Blvd.

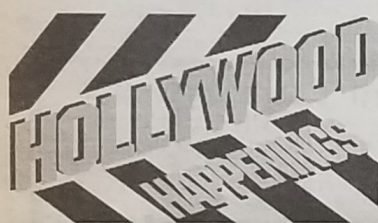
north of Roscoe Blvd. Surveillance was initiated for 24 hours and the officers had negative results. Prior to officers leaving, D-3 **Vanina** left a trap for the suspect by leaving a note that he was interested in buying his vehicle and pager number. The next day the suspect called D-3 **Vanina** regarding the sale of the car and set up a meeting. By using all the division U/C units, officers were able to set up on the suspect meeting location. At the time of the meeting, officers took the suspect into custody with little effort, due to the surprise. Great job.

### Foothill Sports

We fielded a flag football team and were run by Officer **Mudgett**, #30486. The team finished 2nd place in their division.

### Holiday Party

Thanks to efforts of Capt. **Seban** and the station fund committee, we were able to have an outstanding party at the Odyssey Restaurant in Mission Hills. We had over 400 officers, family and friends attend, and master of ceremony was P-2 **Jeffrey Burt**, #33112. He is one of the best entertainers I have seen in several years. It was great to see all the joy and fun in everyone that was there. Thanks again to officers **Lori Foreman**, **Jackie Landtiser**, **Carol Posner**, **Norm Dumais**, **John McAdam** (Elvis), and D-2 **Lindy Gligorijevic**.



by Floyd Toledo  
Hollywood Happenings

### Only in Hollywood

Hollywood and its famous sign was presented to the world as the hot party place to be celebrating the next millennium. We were all there, working as usual.

### In-Outs-N-Ups

Time to gaze about and see who joined us for the next thousand years. There is no one new here!! Yes it's true, but I see that some have left us. Gone to the Harbor is the legendary figure of a detective, **Brian Gasparian**, a man whose shoes no one could even try to fill. Det. **Kevin Becker** got captured by RMD. Because of his superior investigative talents no doubt.

Promoting and remaining is P-3 **I. Ford**. So we travel into the new year with these good men on the starting line-up.

### Sports

Coach **Jim Mateer** is again out gathering the best runners that money can buy to repeat as the department's fastest mixed Baker to Vegas relay team. If you believe that you want to contribute to this effort then please step up.

### Flag Football Champs

Hollywood's Cardiac Kids have accomplished the unbelievable task of defeating a Foothill team of young giants. Yes, with just 54 seconds left to play in the championship final game, quarterback **Jim Plunkett** passed to **Mike Rimkunas** who grabbed the ball in the end zone to seal the title for Hollywood. Our department champs are: **Ken Plunkett**, **Craig Allen**, **Mike Rimunas**, **Doug Humphrey**, **Doug Winger**, **Hector Diaz**, **Dan Gonzales**, **Mike Carl**, **Eliczer Morales**, **Mariano Gardy**, **Marty Tension**, **Dan Fernandez**, **Derrick Prude**, **Nate Baez**, and **Melvin Campos**.

### Paintball Wars

Anyone wishing to participate in the upcoming paintball wars to be held on

March 13th is asked to contact Officer **Jeff Beck** (HWD). The profits of the event will be donated to show support for recently injured Sgt. **Art Holmes**.

### Christmas Party

This year's party celebration was held at the historic Roosevelt Hotel right here in Tinseltown. The joyous crowd was dressed in styles representing the glory that is Hollywood. To the delight of all, our very own **Katrina Kroeker** sang her rendition of "Over the Rainbow." Then everyone joined on the dance floor to move to the sounds of the band, "Down With Three." Prizes filled everyone's arms.

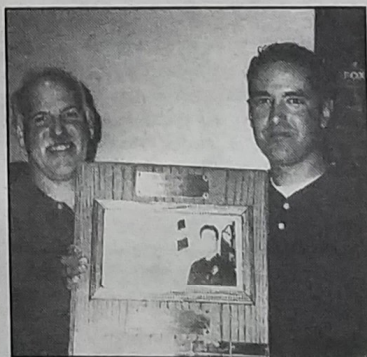
### Hollywood Vice Christmas/Cup Party

The Hollywood Vice Section celebrated their annual Christmas and CUP party at the Staples Center. Celebration began with a gift exchange from their secret Santa. Lt. **John Incontro**, OIC, received a Watch Cap to help keep his cute little hairless head warm while running at the FBI Academy in Virginia. Sgt. **Boe Adams** received a wonderful gift for those who would like to meet him at the tree. Officer **Mike Braun** received a wine basket. Overall the gift exchange came off well.

Past Vice and PED officers returned to say hello and to present CUP to the officers leaving the section, Sgt. **Chuck Buttitta**, Officers **Jim McConnell** (who left the section to become Metro boys), **Jennifer O'Brien** (left to become a P-3 and will be making Sergeant soon), and a past sergeant, **Paul Stropkai**. The CUPS were presented to officers who have left the section in the past six months. The CUPS are symbolic of the officer's personality with an engraved nickname or saying that best endears those officers to the rest of the section. The cups were presented to Sgt. **Bill Eaton** (Yea, Bill, you finally got your cups! One for Vice Sergeant and the other for the PED Sergeant), Vice Officer **Chuck Moore** and PED Sergeant **Alan Hamilton** and Officers **Jess Beltran**, **Hilary Colvin**, **Mike Nelson**, **Norm Peters**, **Al Rosa** and **Mike Snowden**.

The most memorable event of the evening is the presentation of the **PAGLIOTTI AWARD** by the OIC, Lt. **John Incontro**. This selection process is initiated by votes of fellow peers and is selected by the officers' supervisors through the votes. The **PAGLIOTTI AWARD** is presented every year to a

Vice or PED officers that has the same values as **Jim Pagliotti**, who was killed in the line of duty on June 22, 1987. **Pagliotti** was born April 26, 1959, appointed April 19, 1982, and was the 167th Los Angeles Police Officer who died on the job. **Jim** holds a special place in the hearts of Hollywood Vice. Several months prior to his assignment to Metropolitan Division he was assigned to the Vice Section and those who were closest to **Jim** described him as a man with a heart of fire who lived by the creed, "No Retreat, No Surrender." All too often fallen officers are inappropriately described as being among the best of the best, the elite of the elite. **Jim** truly exemplifies the highest ideals associated with the best and the elite. To those who knew **Jim**, his death shook the belief that if you were really good you could survive anything. Personally, **Jim** had a great sense of humor, believed strongly in the bond of friendship and was inspirational to all that he met. This year the award was presented to Officer **Mike Ruiz**, Prostitution Enforcement Detail. Officer **Ruiz** has been with the PED Section since October of 1998 and received this award



Lt. John Incontro and Officer Mike Ruiz.

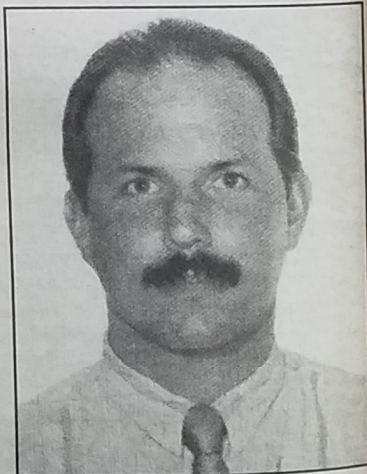
because his peers feel **Mike** displays the virtues that **Jim Pagliotti** held dear to him. Congratulations, **Mike**!

Then the big announcements, the honoring of our special employees: The Civilian of the Year: **Nedra Stamps**; the Supervisor of the Year: **Glenn Hess**; the Patrol Officer of the Year: **Richard Oliva**; the Detective of the Year: **Michael Pelletier**.

### Detective of the Year 1999

Det. **Pelletier** is a 16-year veteran of the Department who is currently assigned to the Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH)

and Homicide Units. He is the Area's detective gang expert and the senior detective on the table. This unit is tasked with handling all crimes in Hollywood that involve gang members. Det. **Pelletier** ensures that every case is investigated in a thorough, professional manner. Det. **Pelletier** is without question one of the hardest working detectives in the city. He holds a supervisory peace officer standards and training (POST) certificate and as a detective supervisor he is responsible for not only handling a caseload but training other detectives as well. He possesses a wealth of investigative knowledge that he freely passes on to less experienced detectives and detective trainees. He maintains a close working relationship with uniformed CRASH personnel. He regularly attends CRASH roll call and provides training to them on crime scene preservation, interview and interrogation skills and any new legal updates. His supervisory responsibilities extend to administrative du-



Michael Pelletier, Detective of the Year.

ties as well. Det. **Pelletier** has continually demonstrated a high caliber of professionalism and dedication throughout his career. He is admired not only for his investigative skills and work ethic, but for his positive, outgoing demeanor as well. It is a dedicated individual such as **Mike** who will carry the tradition of the Department into the 21st century. The supervisory and management team of Hollywood Area is proud to recognize Det. **Michael Pelletier** as the "Detective of the Year 1999."

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by Bob  
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# VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose  
Van Nuys Division

OK, I lied, I did not retire in January as many had hoped I would. But then, this Department missed the boat. I told them all this preparation for Y2K was not necessary. My granddaughter told me the Pokémons would handle it all. And they did.

Sgt. **Baron Von Hundertmark** gave such a convincing lecture about not calling in sick during the maximum deployment that P-1 **Brian Valle** arrived with a case of the flu. He was so sick they placed him on the desk. Desk officer **Marty Baggesgard** wants to thank the powers that be, as he now is fighting off the flu bug. The situation got better as on January 1 the Baron himself failed to show for roll call. Seems his Chevrolet Camaro failed to respond to his orders to start and take him to work. That's what he gets for not driving a vehicle built in the fatherland. Since the Baron told us we would need a doctor's note if the troops failed to show, I guess they will insist on the note from his mechanic.

**Tom Bibbs** was asked to assist in the organization of our Van Nuys Baker to Vegas Running Team. Tom got so excited he ran to the fridge for another beer.

**Ron Carter** was awarded our three plus one opening created by the retirement of **Tim Bergstrom**. (Good luck to you, Tim. We will miss you.) I understand his first Sarah Project may be at Victory and Valjean. Bunch of 415/390s

at the location every morning about 0800. Hey, wait, isn't that the time that our morning watch goes EOW? Maybe we can have **Rich Thomas** look into this.

Van Nuys Vice Officers **Natalie Ostry** and **Karen Guillermo** were checking out the unisex bathrooms at Woodley Park. The officers noted a male Hispanic walk away from his white Honda car, leaving the car unsecured. Karen ran the suspect's ride and the vehicle returned as a West Valley stolen. The troops were summoned while the suspect was kept under observation as the suspect walked into the Sepulveda wilderness area. **David Ham**, **Kevin Ahn**, and Sgt. **Andy Mathes** responded. The suspect observed all this activity and took off into the bird sanctuary. This part of the park has dense foliage complete with lakes and marsh, an area designed with birds and animals in mind, not good guys chasing bad guys. The suspect must have remembered he was in Woodley Park as he removed all of his clothing except for his underwear. The suspect then climbed into the lake and hid in marsh grass. A K-9 responded as did Air 10 and then Air 3. **Ken Plunkett** and **Dax Martin** were dispatched as a search team into the weeds. I think the only one having any fun was "Hunka," the K-9. The Air Unit finally came low enough to locate our suspect. The fight was on. Everyone got wet, everyone got muddy, everyone got scratched, and everyone's clothing got torn. But only one will get to spend the New Year's behind bars. Good work by all. Hope the handler doesn't get a RFC for having a dog in a wilderness area clearly posted, "No dogs allowed."

**Guadalupe Ruiz** and **Rene Moreno** had a good caper that put a big time 211 suspect behind bars. Ruiz observed a Isuzu pick-up that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle as printed

in a Van Nuys crime alert bulletin. Vice Officer **Jennifer Hammer** assisted in watching the suspect. The suspect was stopped and a ski mask and modified BB gun (made up to look like mini 14 was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. Good observation, guys. Another good caper. Fourteen thousand two hundred and eleven DRs cleared in Van Nuys and West Valley.

The last Van Nuys holiday party of the nineties was the most successful party that I have attended. **John Artes** was pressed into service at the last minute by party organizer **Paul Anderson**. He did okay, even if he did start the festivities by insulting a 30-year veteran of this department by calling for a vote of who was older, Ron or yours truly. John, I am Ron's senior by some seven years. Now that he has established in front of everyone that I am old, what do I get for this honor? Nothing, not a bottle of Viagra, not a bottle of Geritol, not even a can of Ensure . . . nothing. Then, what does he do? He picks his own name for a prize. He picks Paul Anderson's name for a prize, then he picks **Dick Powers** for a television. Dick is sitting at my table on the left. Then he gives a trip to Laughlin to **Sarkis Demirjian**, who is sitting on my right. I was so depressed I should have joined **Liza Phillips'** table in drinking

those wild exotic drinks. The drinks seemed to cure whatever that we were feeling. Then John gives way to a comic named "Sarge." This guy was great. He had us all in tears. If Lisa's table was sober, they would have understood the jokes, but then they didn't need anything further to get them going. The comedian hounded John wherever he went. What were you doing kneeling down in front of the captain??? A great time was had by all. If next year's party is anywhere near as great, plan to attend. And one last thing, Lisa, how was your view of the party from under the table??

The Van Nuys parking structure is finally completed and open to us all, after we part with twenty bucks. Well, a thirty-dollar-a-day parking ticket on Tyrone Street or a one-time twenty-dollar ding . . . not too hard to decide.

Now for two retractions as a request from two prior articles. After all, even the *Times* prints retractions. First, **Wolfgang** is not going to Australia. Maybe they would only allow people with reliable transportation in their country. And the second, **Rich Compton** did not have a heart attack. His entire body failed him . . . but Rich does report no smokes for two months and a loss of the 25 pounds. Keep up the good work, Rich.

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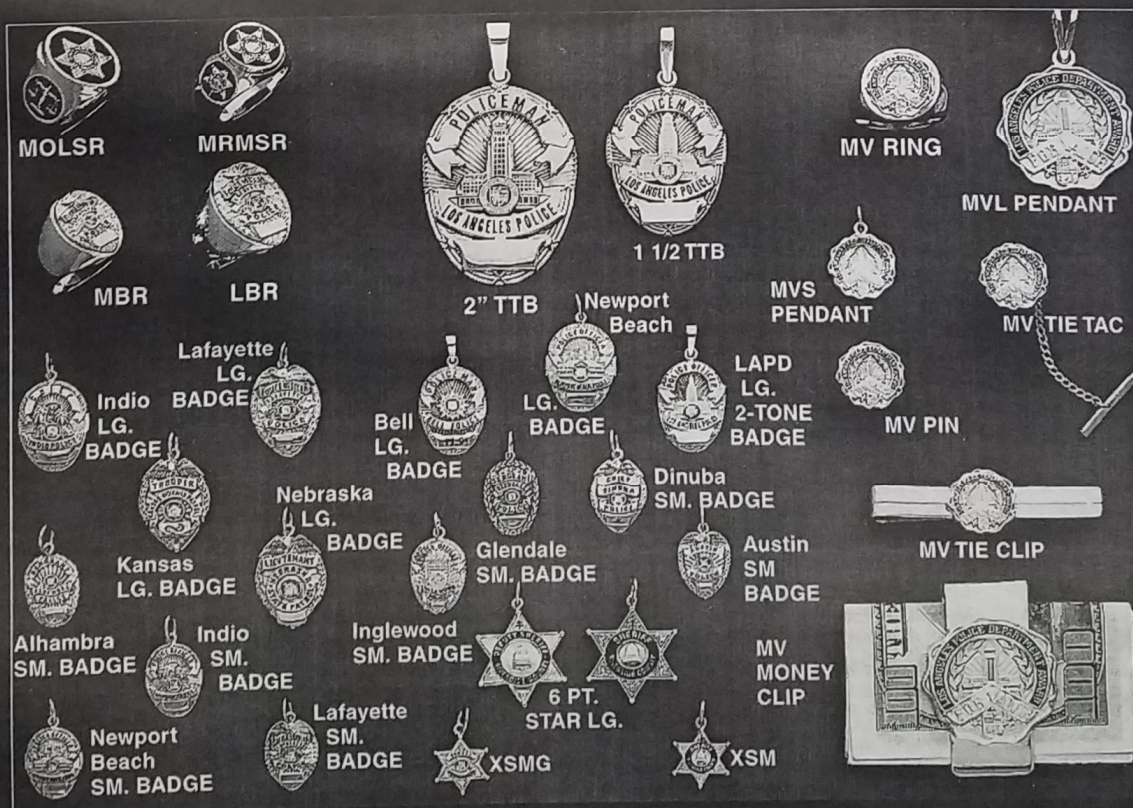
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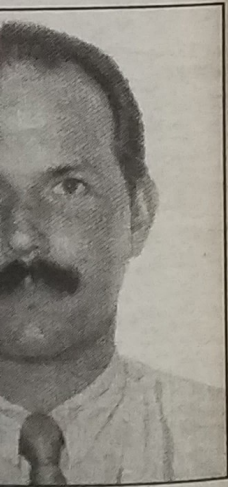
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Sgts. Bill Urrutia, #24900  
& Herm Kaskowitz, #17475  
Central Traffic Division

CTD was very busy during this holiday season leading up to the millennium celebration. No new personnel came in but one did leave. Officer **Carol Mitchell** was upgraded to P-3 at Central Vice. Good luck, Carol, we will miss you. Santa's helper, Sgt. **Frank Hurtado** was very happy to present Mr. and Mrs. Mi-



Ed Asawesna awarded trophy for 1st place match winner for LASO Charity Shootout, Oct. 99.

ramontes with a Christmas check for \$1,000. The Miramontes were selected by the Church of the Resurrection as the most needy family they could recommend to receive the gift.

In keeping with the theme of giving, Captain Sweet, was approached by Sgt. Bill Urrutia, who related a story of heroism and valor demonstrated by 13 citi-

zens. They risked their own lives to save the lives of two adults and three children involved in a T/C which caused their vehicle to overturn. A four-year-old was ejected into the path of a freight train and their van was on the rails. The 13 citizens rescued the child and righted the vehicle removing it from the path of the train just in the nick of time. A letter of facts was sent to Councilwoman Rita Walters, to recognize these citizens for their collective and individual acts of personal courage. Councilwoman Walters presented the heroes with Certificates of Appreciation from the City Council at their chambers on December 10th.

The CTD Christmas party was held at the Whittier Hilton and great fun was had by all attendees.

Kudos to Sgt. **Rinker**, who pressed the Sheriff's Department to do the right thing and award Officer **Ed Asawesna** overall match winner of the Annual Sheriff's Charity Shootout the correct trophy.

Ed defeated officers from all over California including Metro and Training Division. Way to go, guys, way to go. Keep up the good work. A belated big welcome to Sgt. **Art Jones** who came in from Jail Division four months ago and to the city's most Junior Motor Sergeant **Roger Archambault** who came to us from West Valley last October and took over the

Deuce watch. Both sergeants have had a very positive impact at CTD.

### The Ins and Outs of CTD

Incoming: CTD welcomes **Gregg Nichol** (#22337) back to CTD. Gregg was promoted to Sgt. II and will be running the CTD training unit. Gregg was a CTD motor cop for a number of years, before going to the academy as a shooting instructor.

Leaving CTD: **Carol Mitchell** made P.O.-3 and will be going to Central Vice.

On a recent trip, **Rich Greenwood**, **Tom White**, and a few other off-road bike riders went south of the border to do some riding. Everything was going great until a bunch of horses was spooked and ran into the roadway. Yup, you guessed it, Tom ran into the side of one of the horses, knocking it for a loop. Tom went down, breaking his left arm (compound fracture). He also received some abrasions and bruises. He had to be transported to San Diego where he was operated on. Tom's doing OK now. He's back to work at the spar desk.

December 22, 1999, the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles held their annual Bone Marrow Unit Christmas party. Cmdr. **Papa**, Capt. **Sweet** and officers from CTD attended the party. After having a great buffet lunch the Cmdr., Capt.



Santa visits Children's Hospital.

Sweet, and Santa Claus gave the children that were at the luncheon gifts. These children are out-patients from Bone Mar-

row Unit; you should have seen their eyes light up. Later that afternoon it was time to go to the ward for the terminally ill children. This is a restricted area, so only

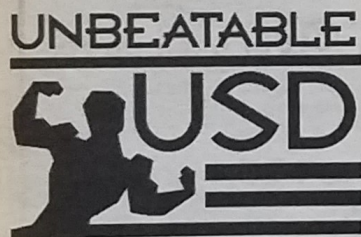


a few people are allowed. Of course, Santa was able to go. Carlos (SANTA) gave those children their presents. All of this is brought about from the hard work done by **John Nichols**, **Bill Rugh**, Sgt. **Tavares**, Sgt. **Greenwood**, the officers from the CTD Traffic safety unit, the COPS FOR TOTS CAR SHOW and all the CTD officers that donated their time.

### Interesting Facts

Every day we deal with traffic controls, to and from work, during our tour of duty and citing violators for not following the rules of the road.

I'll bet you didn't know that in one of the oldest methods of traffic control, one form of transportation is given priority by restricting or banning other forms of transportation. In the 1st century B.C., Roman emperor Julius Caesar banned wheel traffic from Rome during daytime, which allowed pedestrians and horse riders to move more freely around the city. Some modern cities ban or restrict truck travel through certain neighborhoods. I wonder if they had ped sting details too.



by D. Ryan Swanson  
Uniformed Support Division

I had every intent of starting this column off with something fresh, witty and profound. However, after staring at the computer for the equivalent of a FASTRAC meeting, how about if I just toast the new year with the hope that everyone thumbing through these pages be given the opportunity to experience physical and spiritual renewal in 2000.

Thanks to Sgt.-1 **Vance Bjorklund** of PSU for putting his pen to this column in December. I incurred a fractured left clavicle at Arrest and Control School (a first for Injury Central, I'm told). For you A&C trivia buffs, my injury occurred on day 3, during the free-for-all wrestling phase. Everything was fine until the instructors did a do-si-do on partners and I ended up with an aspiring candidate for 114 training.

Luckily, I returned to work in time to attend USD's first annual holiday party. It was great to see such a cross-section of USD personnel turn out for the event at the Bonaventure in downtown Los Angeles. EOC Sgt.-II **Ron Spieer** yucked it up as the evening's

master of ceremonies, revealing among other best-kept secrets that Capt. **Scott Kroeber** sported a colorful nickname during his days in SWAT. It is not my place to share this personal info with non-USD personnel (but if you guessed that it involves a character from the Archie comic strip who usually wore a crown, you already knew anyway). As with every party, there were a few snafus. Those who ordered English-cut New York steak got prime rib (no complaints here). And the disc jockey we hired forgot to change his shirt after his high school finger-painting class. But overall, it was a classy event and a great way to kick off what will hopefully become a Division tradition.

The dreaded Y2K New Year's weekend has come and gone, but not without an enormous planning and preparation effort by Emergency Operations Section. The Department Operations Center Unit, the Emergency Preparedness Unit, and the Incident Command Post Unit all contributed many long hours to this. The end result of the efforts by EOS and all Department employees was a remarkably uneventful New Year's Eve and Y2K weekend. While many may think all this careful planning and implementation was a waste of time, nothing could be further from the truth. Anyone who was on the job in April, 1992, can testify that excessive planning is a far better choice.

Speaking of exceptional planning, hats off to P-II+II **Steve Hillman** and his wife, Rose, for providing an exquisite New Year's buffet complete with homemade lasagna and brownies. Starbucks coffee was provided by newly promoted P-II **Donna Tuk**. All Spe-

cialized Enforcement Unit motors as well as other USD personnel were grateful for the generous spread.

By the time you read this, USD will have said its goodbyes to P-3 **Dan Kemble**, who was promoted to detective trainee at WTD, and the Captain's adjutant, MA-I **Grace Bui**, who leaves us for a II spot at the Department of Water and Power in Sun Valley.

Radar Coordinator P-III **Chuck Massar** had more than his share of holiday cheer. He earned enough credits from Asuza Pacific University for a B.S. in Applied Management. Additionally, the 29-year veteran and soon-to-be grandpa is high on the sergeant's list, as if DRE Course Coordinator P-II **Jennifer O'Brien**, and both should be adding stripes in early 2000. DRE's newest addition, P-II **Lisa Brenner**, comes to the Department from the U.S. Army where she reached the rank of Major before going inactive. (For you non-military types, Major is just short of Lieutenant Colonel.) Lisa brings an extensive amount of teaching background in narcotics from the military, where she helped facilitate the publication of *Drugs of Abuse*, a U.S. Justice Department DEA publication.

This just in from Bicycle Coordination Unit: BCU is coordinating a monthly bike ride with the first tentatively scheduled for Feb. 12, 2000. The starting point for this ride will be at the top of Reseda Boulevard, south of the 101 Freeway. Departure is 0830 hours. This is a rider-friendly course ranging from mild terrain to semi-difficult. BCU hopes to have this ride every month on the last Saturday of the deployment period. Also, if you are inter-

ested in competing at the 2000 Police and Fire Games, BCU can use you. If you have questions, talk to **Doug Wilson** at 213-473-7794.

The Christmas weekend was nearly over when USD's Specialized Collision Investigation Detail (SCID) received a call. On Dec. 26, the SCID team, headed up by P-III **Toni Wolfe**, responded to a triple fatality traffic at Normandie and 42nd Street. After more than six hours collecting evidence, investigators determined that the driver of a vehicle not initially believed to even be involved had rear-ended a pickup, sending it into opposing traffic. The first driver was charged with three counts of vehicular manslaughter. Left to chance, the responsible driver may have eluded prosecution for the crime. The lesson learned, stated SCID on-call OIC Sgt.-I **John Gambill**, is that every SCID scene should be treated like a homicide scene, because it may very well be. And Gambill advised officers to take note of all Rescue Ambulances at the scene. Take down their unit numbers and number of victims transported and to what medical facility. In this collision, a victim was not reported transported and was not located until late into the investigation.

Finally, just wanted to thank outgoing League Vice President **Gary Morgan**. I had some questions regarding a Divisional audit last year, and though he didn't know me from Adam, Gary was on the phone until 2300 hours that night getting me answers. When somebody does something like that for you on this job, you take notice. Best of luck, Gary.

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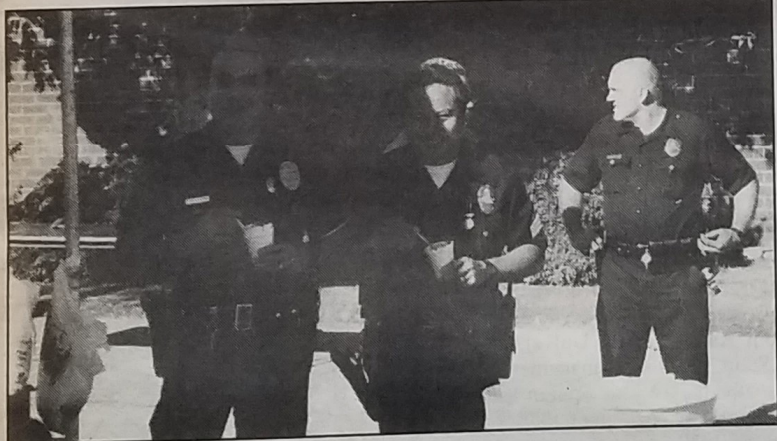
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by Al Labrada  
Southeast Division

On December 29, 1999, Officers **Chris Hajduk** and **Francisco Dominguez** were on patrol in the area of Wilmington and 109th Street. A female pedestrian flagged them down, she advised the officers that a male Hispanic carrying a handgun had chased her down then fled in an unknown direction. The victim had knowledge that the suspect was a known "Suicidals" gang member. Officers Hajduk and Dominguez, having knowledge of the area, responded to a known hangout location for this gang. A request for additional units was put out at which point Officers **Richard Suviate**, **Kenneth Schmidt**, **Shawn Crabbe**, **Mary O'Callaghan**, **Charles Moreno** and **Victor Gamboa** quickly responded. The officers detained two of the residents of this location who were known gang members. It was then determined that one of the individuals was on parole and the other on house arrest. The officers conducted a parole search of the residence at which time they located a large quantity of narcotics, a rifle and a handgun. The officers then had the victim identify the suspect with the handgun. The officers booked one for violation of parole and the other for possession of a firearm. As always, good job!

#### Southeast Events

The Southeast annual "open house" went on as planned on Saturday, December 11. The days prior to the event were a bit wet and cold and therefore it was believed that the event would be cancelled. However, that Saturday



Southeast officers enjoying all you can eat chili.

morning the clouds opened and the displays were put out. The displays included SWAT, SID, Communications, Recruitment, DARE, and the Southeast Reserve officers.

The highlight was the all-you-can-eat "chili cook-off." Community members and Capt. **Bonneau** cooked some of their best chili, which was sold to raise money for our elite "Baker to Vegas" running team. I would like to thank all of the Southeast employees that made this year's event a success.

A special thanks to Officer **Arrant** (DARE), Officer **Casey** (SWAT), Officer **Proven** (SWAT), Officer **Guerero** (EODD), Officer **Pinchinat** (SOE Reserve), Officer **Griffin** (SOE Reserve), Officer **Goodman** (SOE Reserve), PSR **Nettolville** (COMM), PSR **Martin** (COMM), PSR **Bealy** (COMM), **Miguel Rivera** (SID Prints), and **Jesse Delgado** (SID/Polygraph).

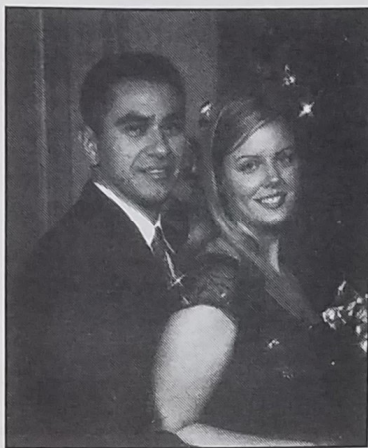
During the month of December several officers assigned to DARE were temporarily assigned to Southeast. On December 23, 1999, Officers **Ferns** and **Montgomery**, assigned to DARE, responded to a call of a suicidal citizen. Southeast Officers **Dominguez** and **Lopez** also responded at which point contact was made with the distraught resident, who was upset over a recent family death, no money, no gifts for the kids, and soon no place to live. The officers, having received toys to distribute to the community, gave the distraught resident toys for her kids. The officers determined that no actual attempted suicide occurred and therefore no further police action was warranted. Officers **Ferns** and **Montgomery** then proceeded to buy clothing items at a local swap meet, a small Christmas tree and additional toys. Sgt. **Krajchir** and Det. **Lucie** then reached into their pockets and purchased Christmas groceries for the citizen. The citizen was so appreciative she cried when she was presented with the items. Good job to these officers who took some initiative on Christmas.

I wanted to share a little snake story that is extremely rare here in this part of town. Recently, Officer **Kessop** and SLO **Starkey** were on patrol when an upset motorist flagged them down. The motorist was upset because his pet snake (later identified as Deviant) had crawled into his dashboard and refused to come out. Officer **Kessop** and her rapport with animals stepped in and took charge while Officer **Starkey** cowered behind the hood of the car saying, "No snake." The motorist finally cut open the dash at which time Officer **Kessop** bravely reached in and removed the non-venomous lizard-sized snake, while Officer **Starkey** watched from a distance. Good job on the community-based policing.

I would like to commend morning watch Officers **Davila** and **Kim** for their hawk-like observational skills and Officer **Chacon** for his cheetah-like running abilities. On December 3rd, Officer **Davila** and **Kim** were on patrol when they observed a suburban that had

#### Congratulations

I received my special Christmas gift a little late this year; on December 28th I got on one knee and became the luckiest guy on earth. Officer **J. Koskelin** (TRD) and I made it official. Thanks to her father, retired Lt. **Richard Koskelin** and mother, Barbara Koskelin, for their blessing. Good luck with that



Al Labrada and Jennifer Koskelin engaged December 28, 1999.

heavy snowfall in Wisconsin.

I would like to congratulate Day Watch Patrol Officer **Tony Vargas** and his new bride, Alissa Vargas, on their recent wedding. The couple were married on November 6, 1999. Good luck to both of you on your new life.

#### Promotions and Transfers

Congratulations to the newest D-IIs **R. Jankowski** and **D. Nickerson**. Congrats to the new Senior Clerk Typists **D. Dupar** and **L. Hollins** who are on their way to R&I Division. Good luck to new

Metro Officer **B. Adam**. We would like to welcome into southeast the following employees: Sgt. **O'Donnell** (RAMP), P-II **G. Padilla** (HWD), P-II **P. Avila** (NE), P-II **J. Swift** (NE), P-II **I. Lowe** (NHWD), P-II **J. Anderson** (PAC), P-II **J. Gaffney** (PAC), P-II **K. McNamee** (PAC), P-II **C. Perez** (PAC), P-II **S. Wills** (PAC), P-II **J. Luna** (PER), P-II **S. Murphy** (STD), P-II **R. Ruvalcaba** (SW), P-II **M. Talavera** (WIL), P-II **C. Carrillo** (WLA), and P-II **H. Tarjamo**.

Farewell to Officers **R. Rodriguez** (77th), **W. Torres** (HARB), **J. Edson** (HOBK), **F. Lopez** (HOBK), **J. Ojeda** (HOBK), **B. Bonney** (JUV), **N. Vargas** (NHWD), **C. Andrade** (PAC), **L. Cur-**



Officer Tony Vargas and Mrs. Alissa Vargas, November 6, 1999.

**tin** (PAC), **D. Mitchell** (PAC), **C. Escobar** (RAMP), and **S. Gonzales** (RAMP). Good luck to all of you.

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**Pacific Breeze**

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

### Millennium Madness

Well, it appears that the Y2K bug never actually hit us, and that's a beautiful thing. We had our command post ready to go and officers ready for action, but all was quiet on the western front. It seems that most people stayed home this New Year's Eve, afraid of all the "crazies" out there, but evidently the "crazies" were home too. So now we're off to the beginning of a new millennium. Hope it's a great one for everyone!

### Recognition Day

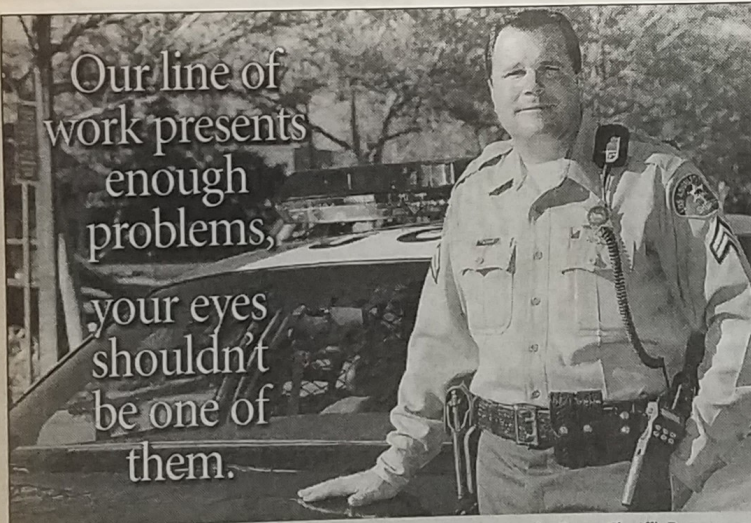
Los Angeles Police Department Recognition Day was held towards the end of the year, and we'd like to congratulate two Pacific Area sergeants who received awards. Sgt. **Craig Brown** received the Community Policing Medal for the Neighborhood Recovery Project he assisted a Senior Lead Officer with while in Harbor Division. The neighborhood was infested with gangs and hate-type crimes. The project received the International Webber/Seavy Community Policing Project Award.

Sgt. **Ike Williams** received the Police Star for saving a life on September

2, 1998. He was monitoring an unrelated Pacific Area pursuit in the area of Inglewood and Jefferson Blvds. He heard the loud crash, then observed the immediate aftermath of a major traffic collision. He saw a small compact vehicle, which was being pushed across the intersection by a full-size pickup truck, burst into flames. He requested the necessary assistance, then went to the aid of the victim trapped in the burning vehicle. Unaware that there was gasoline leaking from the vehicle, Sgt. Williams pulled the man from the wreckage, which exploded just after removing him. After pulling the victim to a safe location, a secondary explosion caused the vehicle to become completely engulfed in flames. The victim was an on-duty State Parole Agent, who recovered well from his fractured leg and additional lacerations. Sgt. Williams was commended for his high level of professional conduct, and disregard for personal safety. Congratulations, Sir!



Sgt. Craig Brown receiving the Community Policing Medal & Sgt. Ike Williams receiving the Police Star on Recognition Day.



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### Protectors Acknowledged

Westchester/LAX-Marina Del Rey Chamber of Commerce, Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Airport Hotel, and Playa Vista recently sponsored the Sixth Annual Protectors Breakfast. The event was held to honor "protectors" of the westside communities. The protectors honored were LAPD-Pacific Division and Airport Detail, CHP, Marina Sheriffs, Airport Police, L.A. City Fire Department #5 and #95, L.A. County Fire Department #110, L.A. County Lifeguards, and the United States Coast Guard. Chamber President **Gwen Vuchas** was the Mistress of Ceremonies, and the keynote speaker for the event was California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who had his own rendition of politics and a top ten list. There was a classy event with heartfelt meaning. It's nice to know that we're appreciated. We wish to give a special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for this wonderful recognition!

### New Arrivals

Congratulations go out to Officer **Al Moreno** and his wife, Leah, on the birth of their new baby boy, Wyatt Alexander Moreno, who was born on December 10,



Sgt. Craig Brown's new baby "Fiona Alexandra Brown."

1999, at 0851 hours. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long. We also congratulate Sgt. **Craig Brown** and his wife, Sally, on the birth of their baby girl, Fiona Alexandra Brown, who was born on November 13, 1999, at 1145 hours. She weighed a healthy 9 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19-3/4 inches long. Best wishes to everyone, and good luck!

### City Champs

Congratulations go out to Officer **Donavan Beezer** who is an assistant coach for the Carson High School Colts Football Team. This year's team went



The Carson High School 4A City Championship Football Team.

12-2, meeting Crenshaw High School at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the City 4A Championship deciding game. Even though the Colts were favored, Crenshaw was leading 10-7 go-

ing into the fourth quarter. The Colts then rallied with two touchdowns in the last eight minutes. With the final score of 20-10, the Carson Colts captured their 10th City Championship. Congratulations and good luck next season!

### Centurions Return

The Centurions 2000 football season begins March 11th in Orange County. The team looks great this year and is looking forward to a winning season. They have a game scheduled in Las Vegas against South Bay on Friday, April 14th (the same weekend as "Baker to Vegas"). So make your plans now to be at the game the night before the race!! The following is a schedule of the other games: March 25th at San Diego, April 29th against Houston P.D., May 13th against Fire, May 27th tentative, June 10th championship game, Palm Beach, Florida. Come out and support your team. Hope to see you there!

### Movin' Up

Congratulations to the following people who have recently been promoted: D-2 **Jim Agnole** who went to VNYS, D-2 **Jones** who went to DHD, Sgt. **Moffatt** who went to NEWT, and Sgt.-2 **Murphy** and P-3+1 **Tom Wicks** who remain here at Pacific. Best of luck!

### Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Newly promoted Detectives **Romero** and **Amos** from ATD, **Marx** from HOBK, and **Vargas** from RAMP. Newly promoted Sergeants **Boyle** from CENT, **Jones** from NEWT, and **Miller** from VNYS. Newly promoted P-3s **Orange** from FTHL and **Goddard** from SW. Det. **Woods** in from CED, and in from SW, Lt. **Chow**, Sgt. **Ogorman**, and Clerk **Moody**.

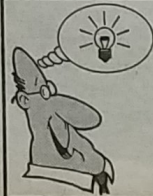
### Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people: Lt. **Whittingham** who went to NEWT, Sgt. **Mason** who is off to WVAL, Det. **Freund** who went to FTHL, "BB" **Al Rodriguez** who is leaving us (after many years) for CENT, **Damiano** who went to WVAL, **Andrachick** who went to 77th, **Evans-Lewis** who went to HARB, **Negrete** who is off to HWD, **Monarrez** and **Wagner** who went to NHWD, **Bunnell** who went to PER, **Pacheco** who went to STD, **Plummer** who is off to SW,

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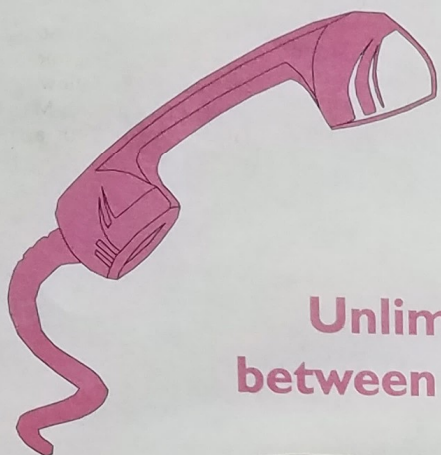
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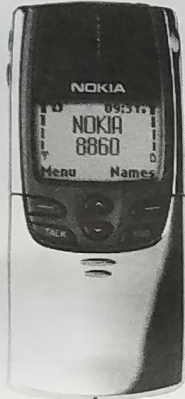
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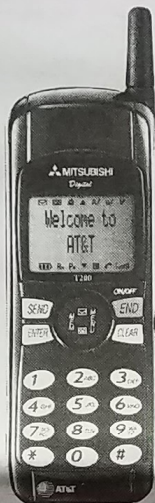
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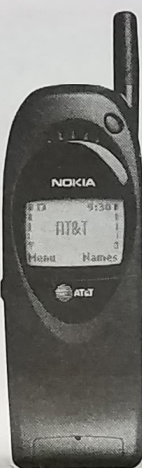
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# RAMPART

December 16th, 1999  
0600 Hours to 2000 Hours

## RECOGNITION

Photos by Dennis P. Zine and Geoffrey Garfield



Councilmember Goldberg's Deputy Sharon Delugach joins League Directors Zine, Lint and Sands.



Councilmember Michael Feuer meets with officers.



Councilmember Laura Chick visited the Rampart Buffet to show support for officers.



Uniform officers and detectives all enjoyed the 14-hour League-sponsored buffet.



Rampart Food Day



Catering staff with League Directors Don Lint and Tim Sands.



Rampart bicycle officers enjoyed the League-sponsored buffet.

On December 16, 1999, the Police Protective League, under the direction of League Director Tim Sands, organized and sponsored a 14-hour-long Holiday Buffet to recognize and thank all Rampart uniformed and detective personnel for their continuing dedication to duty and professional service to the community during the ongoing investigation of the Division.

BBQ Express catered freshly prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City Councilmembers Laura Chick, Mike Feuer, and a representative from Jackie Goldberg's office, along with League Directors, visited with officers to show their support for the Rampart Personnel.



# A Loving Son Follows His Father's Footsteps of Protecting and Serving



Photos by Dennis P. Zine



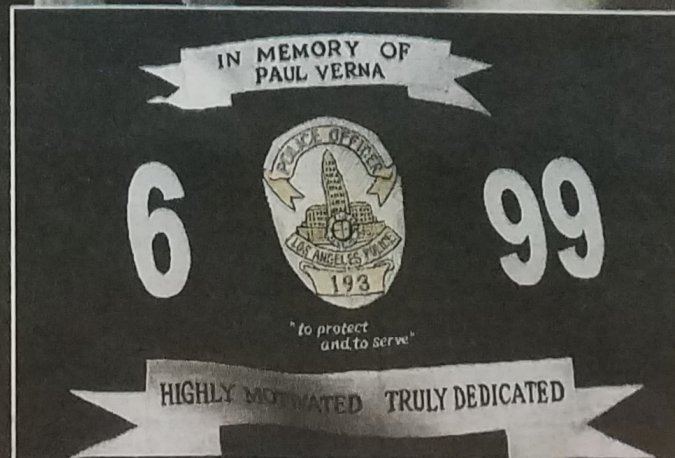
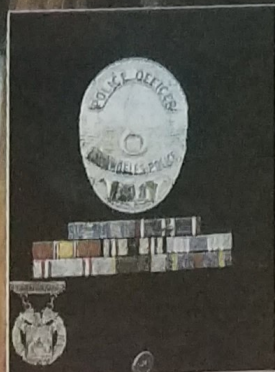
By Dennis P. Zine

It was June 2, 1983, I was a motorcycle Sergeant assigned to the P.M. watch at Valley Traffic Division. The watch started as usual with roll call and some funny antics from the motor officers. Officers Garner, Yurck, Krieder, Taylor, Henebry, Sawdon, Merit, Fagen, Hays, Peacock, and Bob Young were present along with Motor Sergeants Camp, Fesler, C. D. Brown, Grubbs, and our favorite watch commander, Lt. John S. Mitchell. Following roll call, we all departed for the field to patrol the vast territory of the sprawling San Fernando Valley. Among those rolling down the driveway of the Van Nuys Station that afternoon was Motor Officer Paul Verna wearing Badge #193.

Paul worked for me and was one of the most popular, professional, kind, sincere and highly respected officers assigned to the division. Paul always displayed a warm smile and was willing to accept any task or assignment without hesitation or complaint. Paul loved being a Los Angeles Police Officer and it showed in everything he said and did.

Paul knew he truly loved police work like no other profession. After first becoming an LAPD officer, he left the Department and joined the ranks of the Los Angeles City Fire Department. After a short time, he tired of the Fire Department

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# POLITICAL FRONTLINE

## State Narcotics Officer Receives Endorsement from the Los Angeles Police Protective League for the 59th State Assembly Race

Since 1981, as a California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement Special Agent, Walt Allen has been working with the men and women of LAPD, never realizing that someday he would have the chance and opportunity to serve as a voice for them and hundreds of front line police officers throughout the state in the legislature. Walt is currently running for the 59th State Assembly seat as a Republican candidate and he is deeply honored to have the recent valued endorsement of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

Some of the best times Walt had in his 24 years in the law enforcement profession was working with the men and



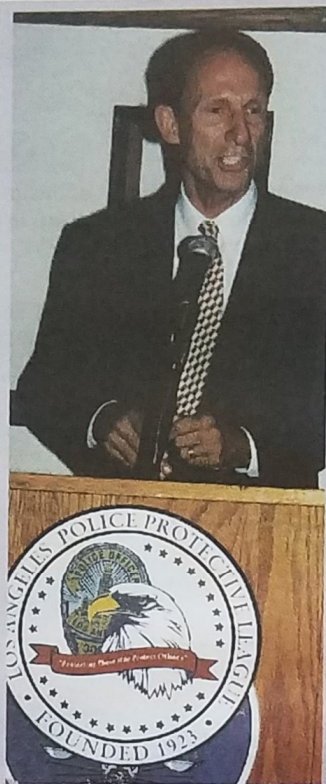
Walt Allen  
59th State Assembly  
Candidate

women in LAPD Ad Narc and Metro. Working with guys like Mike Murphy, Caroline Murphy, Roy Wunderlich, Dave Miller, Tony Alvarez, O. B. Davis, Gene Stephens, Brian Murphy, Rick Lopez, Mike Williams, Pat McKinley, Jeff Rogers, Jack Hoar (and the list goes on and on) had a lot to do with the successes he's had during his law enforcement career. While working in an undercover capacity with the Narcs in LAPD majors, he spent more hours at LAPD Narcs than he did at his own agency.

Walt currently serves as the Special Agent in Charge of the Orange County Regional Office for the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and his law

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Photos by Dennis P. Zine



Congratulations to Mark Kroeker for being selected Chief of Police of Portland, Oregon.



City Administrative Officer Bill Fujioka received plaque of Appreciation from League President Ted Hunt and V.P. Dennis P. Zine.



Councilman Rudy Svorinich, Jr. presiding over a City Council Meeting.



Governor Gray Davis with League staff.



Council Member Cindy Miscikowski with League President Ted Hunt and Vice President Dennis P. Zine



Council Member Alex Padilla, Assembly Member Nell Soto and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa at League holiday party.



Central Traffic Division supervisors and City Council recognize residents who came to the aid of crash victims.

## COUNCILMEMBER CHICK SEEKS SOLUTIONS FOR HIGH ACCIDENT INTERSECTIONS

Los Angeles, Calif.—During the last Los Angeles City Council session of 1999, City Councilmember Laura Chick obtained her colleagues' approval on her motion asking the City Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to jointly examine what is being done to address citywide traffic problems at

intersections that have been identified as high-accident intersections.

"We are all horrified when we hear about a fatal traffic accident occurring at one of our city's busy intersections. In addition to asking that drivers be more responsible and pedestrians be more observant, it's important to know all that the city is doing to reduce the

number of accidents at these intersections," said Councilmember Chick. "Both the LADOT and the LAPD have worked to address this problem and I want to hear from them on what the city is doing."

According to recent reports, the statistics compiled by the LADOT and LAPD, Los Angeles is home to many

surface street intersections characterized by heavy traffic flow and high rates of speed. Many of these intersections have high rates of automobile accidents as well. Department reports say further that engineering, enforcement and education are often cited as key means of reducing the number of

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## POLITICAL FRONTLINE

### State Narcotics Officer Receives Endorsement from LAPPL

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enforcement career has spanned more than two decades. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning from the California State Polytechnic University at Pomona in 1975, he served the California State University Police Department as a patrolman for the Fullerton campus a little over a year. He soon transferred to the Chino Police Department where he served as a Police Officer, Patrol Corporal, SWAT Team member and Field Training Officer.

In 1981, Walt was hired by the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement as a Special Agent and assigned to the Los Angeles Field Office where he worked Narcotics in an undercover capacity for approximately seven years. In 1987, shortly after being promoted to Special Agent Supervisor, he was transferred to Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement Headquarters in Sacramento where he served as the Bureau Training Coordinator,

Chief Combat Firearms Instructor and Special Agent Academy Officer Survival and Tactical Instructor. He also routinely serves as an instructor for the nationally recognized California National Guard National Interagency Counter Drug Institute (NICI) in San Luis Obispo, California.

Allen has kept active in local politics, elected to the Covina City Council in 1997, he recently served as the Mayor Pro Tem and is entering his third year as a City Councilman. Allen was appointed to the state's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Advisory Board. In 1999 he was also recently awarded the California Department of Justice's Medal of Meritorious Service by the State Attorney General for life saving efforts.

The 59th State Assembly District includes Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, Glendora, Covina, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont and parts of Pomona, West Covina, Temple City and Azusa. Walt can be reached at his campaign office in Covina which is located at 307 E. Rowland Ave. and the office number is (626) 974-1150.

### Councilmember Chick Seeks Solution for High Accident Intersections

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automobile accidents in large metropolitan areas.

"The LADOT and the LAPD continually work to increase safety, improve traffic flow and ensure compliance with the rules of the road," Chick said. "Both departments have worked hard to develop and implement various means of addressing problems at the intersections cited by the departments in their previous reports. Now we

can have the experts in both of these departments work together for solutions and then present their findings to the public."

Councilmember Chick's motion requests that the LADOT and LAPD present a joint report the City Council by February 1, 2000, on the scope and status of all city departments' efforts, both as individual departments and as a coordinated team to find solutions to the high traffic problems at intersections within the city limits.

Councilmember Chick represents the West Valley section of Los Angeles which includes the communities of Reseda, Van Nuys, Winnetka, Canoga Park and West Hills.



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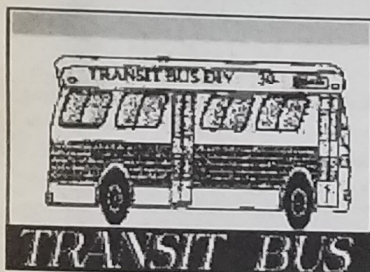
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Lupita Alaniz  
Transit Bus Division

Whew! We can all breathe a sigh of relief that we made a safe transition into the 20th century. From the perspective of citywide Transit Bus officers, it was an unexpectedly quiet New Year's Eve. Thanks to all of those individuals who

decided to cross the threshold of the New Year by staying at home with their loved ones.

### Sports

The rivalry continues between Transit Bus B and C basketball teams. Officer **Leslie Rogers** can attest that there's definitely no biases on the basketball court as she took quite a hit at the last game against Transit Bus C team. But as the skilled player that Rogers is, she knows that it's all part of the game. Ultimately, the B team won that game, however, the C team refuses to stay down. Hoo-ra! Stay tuned...

### Bus-ted

Transit officers shed some positive light in the media. With help from a concerned citizen, GHOST officers and TSS were able to shut down a major



counterfeit ring involving fraudulent bus passes valued at thousands of dollars. During an ongoing investigation, officers prearranged several buys of the counterfeit MTA monthly passes from the suspect. Upon verification of the fraudulent passes, officers obtained a search warrant of the suspect's home where they encountered and recovered an elaborate setup for preparing and distributing these false passes that bulk the MTA out of millions of dollars every year. Way to go, guys!

### Happy Birthday!!!

Birthday wishes to Officers **N. Ayson**, **A. Acosta**, **C. Del La Cruz**, **J. Gonzales**, **M. Gordon**, **T. Kimrey**, **B. Lafferty**, **J. Schwedler** and **Sgt. J. Allen** from your loving family here at Transit Bus Division. Yes, we remembered.

### Congratulations!

Not once again, but twice again, we have additions to our Transit Bus family. Officer **Omar Bazulto** and his wife, **Rachel**, gave birth to their first baby, **Amanda Nicole Bazulto** on December 21, 1999, at 1:01 a.m. Weighing

in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and 19-1/2 inches long (Watch out, Omar, she's catching up on you already). Officer **Tom Brown**, and his wife, **Shawn**, gave birth to their second child, **Blake Alexander Brown**, on December 30, 1999, at 1:24 p.m. Blake weighed in at 7-1/2 pounds. Congratulations on your wonderful Christmas presents, new babies, and what a great tax write-off!

### Good Luck

**Sgt. Milewski**, it was a short ride, but we're glad to have had you here at Transit Bus Division. **Sgt. J. Willis** is off to Newton Division for a little action. Be safe, you'll be missed by many. Also leaving this fun-filled division are Officers **M. Basaker**, and **R. Lakin** to CTD, **T. Blankenship** to Club Dev, and **R. Hillard** to STD. Remember, "Every exit is an entry somewhere else."

### Boarding Bus Division

**Sgt. N. Jensen** from Central Division, **PII Officers M. Andrews**, **M. Berumen**, **J. Carrillo**, **A. Downs**, **J. Fleming**, **E. Jimenez**, **D. Kong**, **M. Perry**, **L. Torchia**, **J. Wong** and **E. Yates**. Welcome people to Transit Bus Division. Hope you enjoy your ride.

In closing, I'd like to wish you all a happy and safe new year. From the words of Joseph Addison, "What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity."

What famous person said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent?"

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(Contact **L. Alaniz** at Transit Bus, GHOST Detail. First correct answer wins the prize!)



GHOST Officers (L-R): **D. Nolan**, **L. Alaniz**, **C. Wecker**, **J. Khouz**, and **N. Ayson** enjoying a New Year's Eve dinner at Micelli's.



by Officer Robert Peters  
Transit Rail Division

Welcome back, friends and other assorted ne'er do wells. It's time once again for your own divisional reporter to do what he does so well... (in other words, it's time to shovel it high and deep for the first time in the new year). Right then, here we go...

### Birthday Wishes From TRD for Lt. Davis and Sgt. Morales as They Turn 40!!

Oh, they're not gonna like me for that... especially since Sgt. Morales only turned 35. However, it is true, recently

**Sgt. Elaine Morales** and **Lt. Eric Davis** both celebrated birthdays. On December 10, 1999, Sgt. Morales celebrated her 35th year, and on January 1, 2000, Lt. Eric Davis got over the hump and began picking up speed as he celebrated his fortieth. Congratulations to both of our wizened, aged, elderly veterans as they hobble to their tables and gum their birthday puddings. (Did I mention that they were old? I've got pictures to prove it.)

See? No, really, you two wear it well! Whaddya mean I get Tuesdays and Thursdays off next D.P.? Lighten up for Pete's sake.

While we're on the subject of birthdays, Officer **Chris Marsden** and his wife, **Cassie**, are celebrating the birth of their new son. **Jake Thomas Marsden** was born on December 22, 1999, at 1055 p.m. Jake weighed in at a healthy 8 pounds, 5 ounces (which is a little more than what his father weighs now, I understand). Congratulations. Mother and son are doing fine, and Chris is using this as an excuse to stay away from work for a while on "paternity" leave. We believe you, Chris... bonding with your

son and all that... sure. (Kinda hard to bond with your son when you're on the golf course, isn't it?)

### Snowboarding Casualties

Well, it had to happen. Our first winter sports casualty of the new year (actually occurred in 1999, but who's gonna tell?) Yes, Officer **Billy Brockway** (of the TRD Training Cadre fame) wiped out while ripping the slopes at Kirkwood, in Tahoe, Calif. Billy bit it and broke his right arm and his left elbow. I understand the ski patrol had to call an ambulance, because they were laughing so hard that they were having trouble breathing. Luckily administration of some hi-flow O2 straightened them right out.

We feel soooo sorry for you, Billy... seriously we do. Here, shake on it (oooooh, I kill me). Sorry there were no pictures available at press time, but it was funny.

### Christmas Party!

Another holiday season is gone, and with it went most of our waistlines. And part of the reason for that problem, no doubt is all of the Christmas parties that we attend each year. The best of these (for me, anyway) this year was our very own Transit Group Christmas Party.

Music, friends, food and (lotsa) drink went into making this a party to remember, as did one of the games where 18 officers formed three different teams and stuffed balloons into the red pajamas of their teammates. Officers **Malcolm Thomas**, **Sam Shepard** and **Jessie West** were subjected to torture as other officers shoved balloons into their P.J.s. They also stood straight and tall as a somewhat less steadied hand popped each balloon with a sharp instrument as a method for counting those balloons.

Officer **Thomas** won the competition, but only because a balloon pop-

ping fight erupted between the other two teams.

Officer **Woodie Rogers** won the curse for two (oops, sorry, typo—that's CRUISE for two... my bad), and an anonymous officer donated two Kings hockey tickets to the cause. **Sgt. Russ Wong** won those. (Good seats, too... two rows off the glass. God BLESS the officer that donated those seats. He should be knighted! No, better, he should be praised and placed on a pedestal so people could better see his kindness.) Okay, maybe just a thank you and a kick on the @#\$!

The USC Town and Gown was a beautiful setting even for me as a Notre Dame fan. Aside from the fact that I had to wear asbestos underwear in order to keep from spontaneously combusting while on USC grounds, even I had a great time.

Does asbestos underwear cause colon cancer? I hope not...

### Hasta...

This month, TRD says sad goodbyes to Officers **Bowens** and **Shepard**. Officer **Bowens** is off to expand his horizons with West Traffic Division, and **Sam Shepard** is off to the body building unit. Whoops, sorry, he's off to OSB CRASH. Everyone here is sorry to see them go. Well, everyone is sorry to see Officer **Bowens** go. Sam they were pushing out with broomsticks before chasing him down the street with lighted torches. It was an ugly sight.

So good luck to our two dear departed, and as for the unfortunate souls at their new home divisions, well, we tried to warn you.

Sorry, this month's piece is short, but I'm an admin pogue and I'm a very busy man these days...

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## Winning With West Traffic

by Jorge West Traffic

Oh my gosh! Feels like I'm still here. The incident was predicted. Oh well, I would at least act up. "TEAMS" file could self. Better luck at Y.

Praise and glory to the Officer of the Year.



Chief Dinse and Frank Chamberlain



Wallace Wall and Joe Peyton

is WTD's senior officer. He brags the highest reputation to Motor Officer for winning the cleanest contest at WTD.

Great homage to Sgt. for his recent promotion. Hard work the Captain.

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## Winning With West Traffic

by Jorge F. Torres  
West Traffic Division

Oh my gosh! February and we are still here. The infamous Y2K bug lacked the sting that was so popularly predicted. Oh well, I thought the MDTs would at least act up. Or the notorious "TEAMS" file could at least erase itself. Better luck at Y3K.

Praise and glory to Motor Officer **Frank Chamberlain** for being named the Officer of the Year. Get this—Frank



Chief Dinse and Frank Chamberlain.



Wallace Wall and Joe Peyton.

is WTD's senior officer and he still brags the highest recap. Congratulations to Motor Officer **Wallace Wall** for winning the clean machine motor contest at WTD.

Great homage to Sgt. II **Steve Foster** for his recent promotion. For Steve's hard work the Captain has exiled—I

mean placed him in charge of the morning watch. (You call that a promotion?) Don't worry, Steve, we'll let you know what sunshine looks like.

Congratulations to **Serda Caire** in Admin. The knowledgeable Serda won \$1,000 for answering a trivia question on



Serda Caire holding her winnings!

a local radio station. The question was: What was Jennifer Lopez's latest hit song? Of course it was "Jail House Rock!"

Here's an inspiring Christmas story that rivals all others. Just before Christmas, Officers **Stephen Slinky** and **Mike Tomeloso** were assigned an ambulance traffic. The victim, a ten-year-old Korean boy, was transported to Cedars Sinai Hospital by ambulance. While conducting their investigation, the officers learned that the boy's permanent two front teeth were knocked out due to the collision.

As the boy and his mother became distraught, the two officers asked the physician if they found the boy's teeth would he be able to surgically reinsert them. The doctor responded that he would be able to reinsert the teeth only if the officers returned within the next half hour. The officers raced back to the location and searched for the boy's missing teeth. The officers searched frantically and miraculously located the missing teeth. The officers returned to Cedars Sinai in time. The physician was able to successfully reinsert the boy's teeth!

Now that's a story where Officers Slinky and Tomeloso both went far beyond the call of duty. Because of them, there's a little Korean boy out there smiling brightly.

We welcome the return of **Dan Kimble** to the WTD family. Dan, you couldn't stay away!

Don't forget to get a gift for your Valentine this month. That includes your watch commander and den sergeant! See ya next month!

## 1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes  
Northeast Division

I apologize to everyone that this February article will be shorter than normal, but I was on vacation and did not have access to all the latest gossip.

### Christmas Party

On Saturday, December the 18th, approximately 240 of Northeast's finest attended our annual Christmas party at the Wyndham Hotel in Monrovia. Everyone enjoyed the buffet style dinner, the company of their coworkers and the music. (Why was the bar line continually longer than the food line?) There were plenty of raffle prizes given out to the winners in attendance. Sgt. **Joe Oliveri** did a very commendable job as the master of ceremonies. The other **Joe, Olmedo** type, also did a very commendable job as our D.J. All sworn and civilian members of the Christmas party committee did an excellent job of putting the whole event together. Please support any and all Christmas party committee fund-raisers this year so that we can have another great party!

### Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Congratulations to **Leilani Medoza** (Northeast Records) and her husband

on the birth of their son, **James Matthew**. Their son arrived on December 8, 1999, weighing in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

### Knott's Berry Farm

A huge thank you to Knott's Berry Farm for their annual generosity to LAPD personnel at the end of the year. Your food and your

### Promotions

Congratulations to the following Northeast P-2s on their recent promotion to field training officer. All four officers will remain at Northeast Division: **Susan Loera, Jerry Rodelo, Jose Torres, and Jose Castellanos**. Best of luck on your new assignments.

### Adios/Bienvenidos

A big Northeast Division thank you to all personnel transferring out for all your hard work. Welcome aboard to all personnel transferring in to Northeast Division. We hope you enjoy your new home away from home.

### Annual Toy Drive

The Community Relations Office (headed by Sgt. **Sandy Rosenberg**) handed out toys at their annual toy drive on December the 18th. A few hundred of Northeast Division's underprivileged children were given gifts in the hope that their Christmas would be a little brighter.

That's all the gossip that I know for now. Health and happiness to all of you. C-ya next month.

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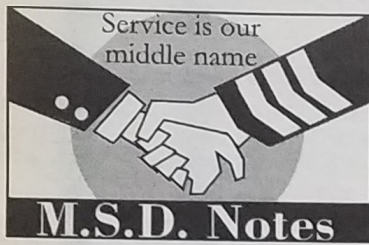
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Roger C. Deranian  
Management Services Division

First of all, congratulations to **Mark and Jackie Ro** on the birth of their son, Jason, on December 15, 1999. Mark is a researcher in the Special Projects Unit. Jason weighed in at 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Everyone is doing fine.

The next piece of information might be good information for both supervisors and officers. I was looking up the definitions of "vandalism" as listed in the Penal Code and in the Attorney General's California Peace Officers' Legal Sourcebook. It seems the definitions are similar except for two things. The Penal Code refers to "maliciously causing damage or destruction," while the Sourcebook simply refers to "causing damage or destruction without the owner's permission." I wrote to the Attorney General and asked for an explanation of the variation of their publication from the Penal Code. I received a letter back that said *that what I was asking for was a legal opinion, and except to specific government officials, they do not give legal opinions!* I wrote back once again and said I did not see how asking for an explanation for something they wrote and sell as a reference publication is asking for a legal opinion.

As of this writing, I have not heard anything further from the Attorney General's Office.

Consequently, it might be prudent to view the information in the Sourcebook

with some skepticism. If the information cannot be referenced and verified, it seems there could be officer and city liability issues if the information is used. If I hear anything back, I will put it into a subsequent article.

In my previous article, I mentioned that it seems a number of people don't know what Management Services Division (MSD) is or what we do; most seem to think we are just a bunch of geeks. Well, that may be true, but we are geeks with a purpose! Management Services Division is divided into four sections, and I'll briefly talk about each section over the next few months. I work for the Special Projects Section (SPS) which has two units, the Special Projects Unit and the Evaluation Unit. The Special Projects Unit completes a number of research projects, does product evaluations, and replies to a variety of outside inquiries. The Evaluation Unit also does research on a number of subjects, ideas and issues, reviews articles submitted as part of the Department's publishing program, and works on a variety of other projects.

Additionally, MSD, along with elements from the Inspection and Control Section of Administrative Group, staffs the Department Operations Center (DOC). We train on the various tasks and functions of the DOC about twice each month. So now you know, yes, I admit it, it was us asking the Areas and traffic divisions for all those personnel and vehicle status reports during Y2K!

Happy birthday wishes to the following MSD personnel: January: **Art Gomez, Linda Ulibarri, Mark Ro, Joe Hiltner, and Martha Reyes.** February: **Sayo Hosohama, Vangie Gomez, Kim Whitlow, Lori Blackwell, and Carrie Katsumata.**

## What About Wilshire?

by Stephen Nichols  
Wilshire Division

"Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends." That line pretty much sums up the way it is here in Wilshire Division. Sometimes it's a freak show, sometimes the clowns are out, but it is always a circus. Which, if you enjoy being entertained, is a good

thing. For example, Officer **B. Gregson** and myself contacted a couple of interesting types outside the board and care facility where they reside. They appeared to be in the process of trying to smoke something. After they saw us, they hastily abandoned the effort, but we decided to contact them just the same. The gentleman I interviewed was about three bricks shy of a load, and when I asked his name, he informed me it was "Judas Priest." When I told him I was a fan of his music, he told me his friend was none other than "George Thorogood." I guess we now know what happens to rock musicians when they fall on hard times. They take psych meds and hang out in Wilshire Division.

Anyway, this column, like the month of February itself, will be short, but hopefully sweet. Instead of the usual

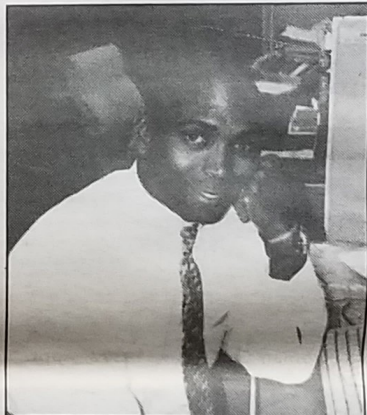
## West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey  
West L.A. Division

Whew! We made it to the oh's, the double 00's, the zeros, without so much as a blip on the radar screen . . . (God answers prayer) . . . Now, about all that tuna . . .

The entire LAPD is to be commended for their dedication and preparation for Y2K. Captain **Michael Hillmann**, Lt. **Tom McDonald**, Sgt. **Mike Carodine** and Officer **Steve Lurie** (among others) put in extra time and effort on behalf of West L.A. and its citizens. For that we say thank you!

I invite you now to follow me upstairs as I venture into detectives territory. By the time you read this, Det. **Trevion Stokes** will have officially left West L.A. for Media Relations as a "beat



Det. Trevion Stokes, WLA.

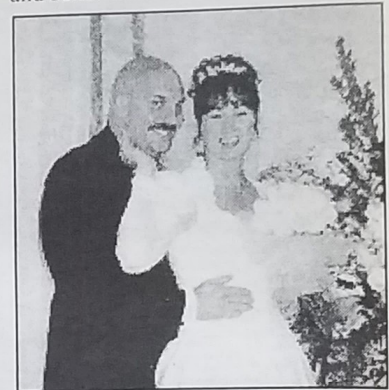
reporter." He has spent four out of seven career years at West L.A. working with CRASH, Detectives (as a trainee) and as a J car. Regarding Media Relations, Stokes said that, "A great opportunity presented itself that he could not pass by." In other words, they gave him an offer he couldn't refuse! He felt that while at West L.A. he

antics, I will, as promised, tell you of the latest soon-to-be inductees into the "Fork and Stork" Club. (Remember, the fork is what they stick in you once you are married, and the stork is what happens once you are stuck.) The first member of the club is none other than P-III Officer **H. Myers**. She is going to marry a doctor (!) in April of this year, and she says it's just in time for her to make sergeant. (Hey, I don't make it up, I just write what I'm told.) She also says, "She feels the pain" of former boyfriends who might read this.

On a more humble note, January 16, 2000, is the wedding date for Officer **S. Cromer** and her husband, Officer **P. Cromer** (Southeast Division). Yes, the happy couple will be remarried in Las Vegas, Nev., and Elvis himself (or a near replica thereof) will be giving the bride away. Their daughter, Samantha, will serve as flower girl, and the Cromers are expecting their second child in March, 2000.

Last, but not least, Officers **S. Roditis** and **K. Clark** will be united in matrimony on May 6, 2000. They will honeymoon in style in Jamaica, after which time they are scheduled to return. (Myself, I think it would be real difficult to come back here after being

worked with "kind officers who encouraged people to move on to bigger and better horizons." Det. **Fredrickson**



Wedding bells rang out in October for West LA's Detective Latham, now Reynolds. She and her husband, Kevin, a Pacific detective will raise any forthcoming children to be, what else... detectives!

told him, "If that's what you want, go for it . . ." (Then tried to talk him out of it after he got the job. . . .) He also said he will miss civilian Cindy Starks. "She's the glue for West L.A. Detectives." Good job, Stokes . . . Cindy too.

Det. **Connie Smith** recently received that promotion and left for Southeast after being at West L.A. since her



Detective David Childress and his lovely wife, Dion, had a baby girl on Thanksgiving named Ashley-Nicole.

CRASH years of 1988. We will miss her sooooo much, but congratulate her on her success. She was a big "trekkie" and will be taking her Star Trek memorabilia with her. And now Connie, "to the bridge" (that from Capt. Jean Luc Picard of the starship Enterprise). See you next time . . .

in Jamaica, but hey . . .) Congratulations to all of the aforementioned couples!

On a less than happy note, our PSR **L. Ortiz** left us on January 14th and returned to "the dungeon." Her ready smile, her cheery disposition, and her ability to keep track of ten things at once made her an invaluable asset to us. Letty, you will be missed!

My final thoughts have to do with Valentine's Day (Feb. 14). As everyone who reads this knows, this profession is very demanding and time-consuming. Quite often, the people who suffer from our divided attention are the ones we love and care about most. Even though Valentine's Day is on the calendar once a year, it is one of those special occasions which should be observed considerably more often. After all, as good as this job is, if it weren't for our families and loved ones, most of us would be less than happy and productive. The bottom line is this: take this opportunity to tell the person(s) you are close to how much you care for them. Then, share your feelings on a regular basis. After all, when it comes down to it, who we have in our lives are more important than what we have in our lives. See you next month!

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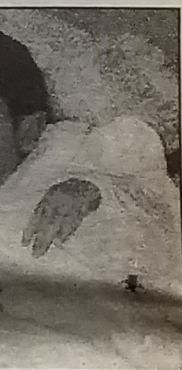
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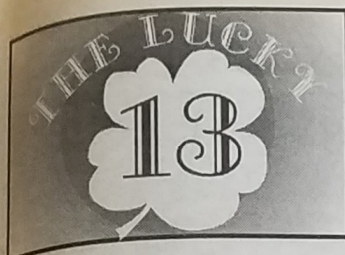
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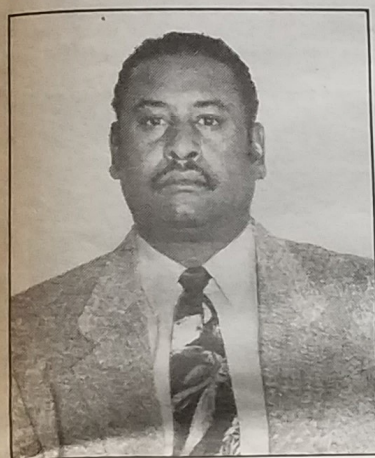
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by Gail Ryan  
Newton Division

February marks the 75th anniversary of Newton Division and the third year in our new station. This milestone in Newton Division's history will be celebrated on Friday, October 13, 2000, at a reunion of all past and present Newton employees. It will be held at the original Police Academy in Elysian Park. Contact Det. Baitx, Newton Homicide, 323-846-6556, for further.

Over the years Newton officers have seen and been involved in a major part of L.A. history, earning the division the nickname "Shoot'n Newton." The name comes from the number of civilian and officer



Det. 3 Dwaine L. Roberson #17806, Appt. 10/2/723—Ret. 1/15/00.

shootings in the area over its 75-year history. But, throughout it all, Newton has lost only one officer in the "line of duty." Officer Norbert Huseman was gunned down in mid-December, 1945, while answering a neighbor dispute call in a housing project at 7th & Enterprise. He died eight days later on December 31, 1945, of gunshot wounds to his stomach, leaving behind a wife and four small children.

And, how more fitting that this month also marks my retirement after 32 years, 8 months of service with the LAPD. My family moved to Newton Division in 1914. And, after my father graduated from the police academy in 1942, he was assigned to Newton Station. There has been a member of my family at Newton Station since 1942 till now. It will be like leaving home for the first time when I walk out the station's door for the last time on January 28, 2000. But, I will have many fond memories of the division and the old station, from childhood through adulthood, to take with me. As a little girl in the early '50s, I used to stand on the corner of 5th & Los Angeles Streets on Saturday mornings and watch my uncle direct traffic. During the summer my father would take me to the police academy. My brother and I would use the pool while dad qualified. As he left he would

always say, "Don't talk to the trustees." Later we all would get an ice cream cone at the lunch counter followed by a trip to the old station to pick up his paycheck. I guess I have loved this job since the first day I entered the old Newton Station as a little girl. I know I have loved it since I entered the police academy in May, '67, even though policewomen were not accepted as equals. Though he's been gone over 25 years now, my father lived long enough to see me graduate from the academy and eventually get transferred to Newton Division. We were able to work together for one year before he retired and passed away. As a policewoman, I had taken a separate test and attended separate academy classes from the men. I also wore skirts and heels, worked the jail or juvenile and was not allowed to promote past sergeant. Some of us were lucky and were loaned to vice or narcotics. And, after 1972, at least 20 of us went back through the police academy for three months to become field certified, including myself in 1982 when I had 15 years on the job. During my career I worked Harbor women's jail, Venice de-



Policewoman Gail Ryan #13322, Appt. 5/22/67—Ret. 1/29/00.

etectives, Georgia St. Juvenile and "J" car, 77th patrol, Public Affairs, and Newton Division with loans to Hollywood vice and the MTA buses undercover. And, I still hold the record for most cars impounded in a day (23) with over 400 in one month, while working Newton's impound car. So stop by and say goodbye to me, Policewoman Gail Ryan, on Thursday, March 9, 2000, at the Griffith Park Ranger Station at 1600 hours and to Det. Randy Baird who retired January 1, 2000. Contact Det. Baitx at 323-846-6556, Newton Homicide, for tickets.

Newton Detectives also bade farewell to D-3 Dwaine L. Roberson, #17806, who retired on January 15, 2000, after 27 years of service. Dwaine had worked both Newton patrol and detectives.

Newton officers and detectives were sad to learn of the death of Det. 2 Jeffrey Esparza, #26374. Jeffrey, who had worked Newton's Clear unit, passed away at home on Saturday, December 18, 1999. Det. Esparza was born on December 29, 1963, in San Fernando, Calif. He was appointed to the Department on November 14, 1988. And, he is survived by his wife, Lorna, daughter, Sawyer, and son, Bryan, along with his brother, David and sister, Yolanda.

## Newton Division Reunion

February 2000 marks the 75th Anniversary of Newton Division. A reunion is planned for **FRIDAY OCTOBER 13**

at the old police academy in Elysian Park to celebrate this milestone in history. Contact Detective Kellie Baitx, Newton Homicide at (323) 846-6556 for more information.

## ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh  
Training Division

### Outstanding Instructor Award

Officer Francine Briscoe of the Legal Training Unit was the recipient of the Outstanding Instructor award for the 6-99 Recruit Officer class. As a result of this award, Briscoe was invited as a guest of the Chief's breakfast, which was hosted by Chief Parks. Congratulations!

### Kentwood Elementary School Holiday Party

Training Division participated in the annual Kentwood Elementary School Holiday Party at Kentwood Elementary



Ken Oliver as Santa Claus, Brenda Smith and Sherrell Palmer.

School in December, 1999. Training Division personnel, recruit officers, and private donors provided over 400 gifts and food items to the elementary school students. Ken Olivier (Senior Management Analyst) once again,



The 8B-99 Recruit Officer Class.

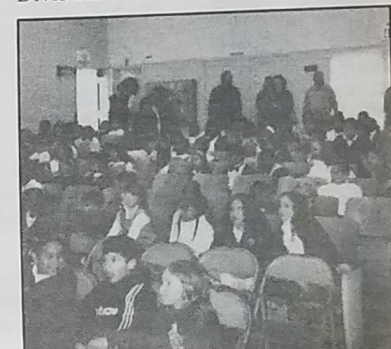
played the role of Santa Claus. The children, teachers, and Divisional personnel all had an outstanding time.

### Holiday Meal

We at Training Division would like to thank the staff members of the Spice Cafe. They provided a holiday meal for Training Division personnel and recruit officers.

### Promotions and Transfers

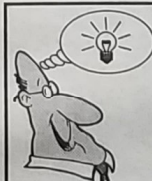
We would like to congratulate Officer Brad Wise (Tactics Training Unit) on his promotion to the rank of sergeant. Sgt. Wise will transfer to Central Division.



Kentwood Elementary School Holiday Party.

We would also like to thank Officer Mitzi Grasso on her recent appointment as a Director for the Los Angeles Police Protective League. Congratulations to both of you!

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### North Hollywood News

by John Marsden  
North Hollywood Division

Greetings everyone and welcome to the new millennium. Everyone here at North Hollywood wishes you a safe, productive, and happy new year.

#### Homeless Shelter Burglarized

Sometime between December 10th and 13th, the Transitional Living Center (a homeless shelter) was burglarized. Primary items taken were children's toys, which were going to be distributed to the children in the shelter. When officers were made aware of the crime, they immediately took action to render the problem. Sgt. **Bill Martin**, **Billy Row**, and Reserve Officer **Esther Niell** from Community Relations Office were instrumental in organizing the outpour of donations and the distribution of the toys. Thanks to the extra effort of a few officers and the support of the community, the children of the shelter were able to enjoy Christmas.

#### Holiday Party

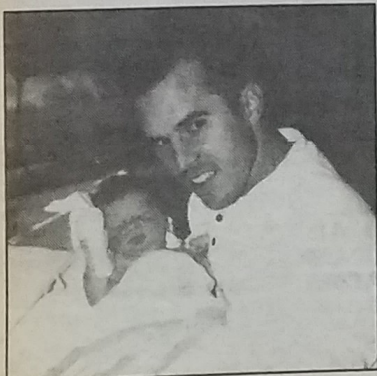
Our holiday party was held at Knollwood Country Club on Sunday, December 12. Good food and music were topped only by great company. We were entertained by Mr. Jim O'Brien, a comedian who hits the local Comedy Stores and frequents Las Vegas show rooms. Thanks for those of you who supported the North Hollywood Area by attending our party.

#### Valley Relay

On December 4, North Hollywood officers competed in the Valley Invitational Run. This is an annual event where all Valley divisions are invited to compete in a relay from Foothill Station to Devonshire Station and back. North Hollywood fielded one of their finest teams ever to compete in this race. They took first place, finishing over 10 minutes ahead of the second place team. This was the third time in four years the North Hollywood team has won this race. Congratulations to **R. Watson, C. Suzuki, D. Martinez, M. Bess, D. Delgado, C. Camacho, J. Wilson, J. Gastelo, M. Sandvig, J. Caprarelli, A. Hernandez, S. Gann, J. Miller**. Special thanks to support **N. Reeves, D. Chavez, and M. Jensen**.

#### Stork Deliveries

Congratulations to Officer **John Marsden** who is a grandpa for the third



Jake Thomas Marsden and father Chris.

time. His daughter-in-law, Cassie, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy by the name of Jake Thomas Marsden on December 22, at 2254 hours. John's son, **Chris**, is a P-2 at Transit Division. Mother and son are doing fine while father needs to work on his short game.

Sgt. **Bill Martin** of CRO "one-upped" John Marsden in the grandson race. His daughter-in-law, Meagan, gave birth to William Francis Martin IV on New Year's Day. His was the first baby born in Ventura County in the new millennium. Grandpa and papa **Bill** (P-1 in DEV Div) are shaky, but mother and child are doing fine. Vital stats: 6 pounds, 12 ounces, 21 inches.

Congratulations to **Kathy McClements**, who gave birth to Dillon James, 8 pounds, 21 inches, on November 9, 1999. Mother and son are doing great.

P-3 **Manuel Arreygue** is the proud father of Maryiel Victoria Arreygue, born on January 3, at 0051 hours, weighing 6 pounds and 19 inches long. All are doing well.

P-2 **Philip Solano** and his wife, Amy, are proud parents of Vincent Henry Solano, born on December 21, at 0230 hours. Vincent weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.



P2 Philip Solano and baby.

#### Wedding Bells

Congratulations are in order for Lt. **Carl Frank** and P-3 **Monica Bess**. They tied the knot on December 11, 1999. Lt. Frank is leaving North Hollywood and is promoting to Lt. II at OVB.

#### Retirements

DIII **Richard Jamieson**, #14219, from our Robbery Table, is retiring after 31 plus years of service.

P-3 **Tom Bromley**, #21009, from Patrol is retiring after 25 years of service.



Tom Bromley with Capt. Crosley at retirement luncheon.

P-3 **J. P. Anderson**, #16551, from Patrol, is retiring after 29 years of service.

You will all be missed!

Special thanks to the owners of Perrys, a Thai restaurant in North Hollywood Division, who supplied our hard-working officers with delicious platters of food on New Year's Eve.

## B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven  
Burglary Auto Theft Division

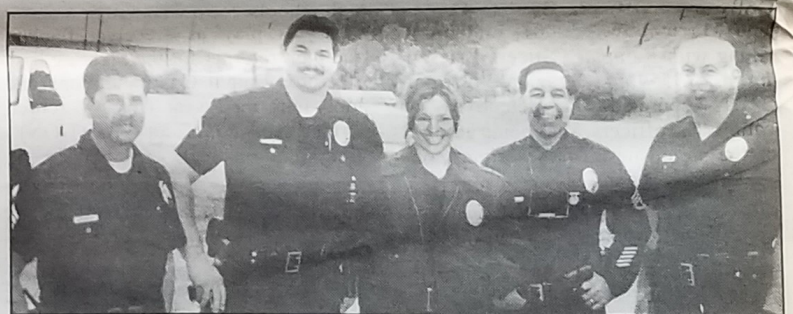
This month you get the short version as we are just coming off the holidays. Things around the office have been very



quiet with so many people off on vacation or recovering from that terrible strain of flu that has been going around.

cal supermarkets and the council office gave out numerous free admission tickets. The event turned out to be a super dud. The event had a low turnout probably due to the weather, which was cold and blustery. I also believe many people didn't come out because they were worried about the possible violence, terrorism and unknown possible Y2K problems. Many average citizens had to work that evening just to avoid potential problems. I'm just glad all the predicted gloom and doom never occurred. I am also in the market for a new portable generator with low mileage for any of you now getting rid of your Y2K supplies. You can also tell all the sur-

vivalists that left for the mountains in northern Montana, it's okay to come back. Thanks to Det. **Tim Bell** for the



#### In-N-Out

Rumor has it that **Kathy Lyles** is back from Idaho and trying to come back to her job as the captain's secretary. My guess is that Kathy was just bored with retirement and missed all her BAD buddies. Kathy was an excellent employee and we would be lucky to get her back.

#### Help Wanted

If anybody knows a PSR who would like to work at a specialized detective division in the building, please call Det. **Bella** at 485-2527. We are looking for a qualified individual looking for a challenging assignment. No, this is not an ad for the U.S. Army. Just to make sure we get the right person, Capt. **Sanchez** said he was thinking about some kind of a special incentive package, even if he had to pay for himself!

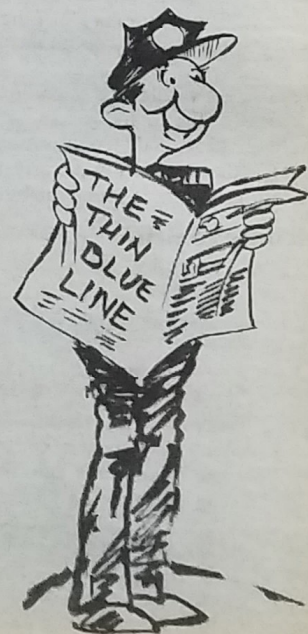
#### New Year's Eve and Y2K

Well, is everybody as unshocked as I am about how much of a non-event New Year's Eve/Y2K turned out to be? I probably shouldn't complain, it could have been worse. We stood around all day with little to do. The citizens that came out to the event were friendly and in festive moods. I was assigned with my partner, **Lawayne Stiff** to work the mid-day watch in Harbor Division. The event was the city's millennium party at the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The lo-

great photos of BAD personnel in uniform for the Harbor Division assignment.

#### Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday wishes to the following February birthday babies: **Ken Spain**, 2/2; **Mike Lomeli**, 2/15; **Dave Evans**, 2/20; and **Gil Escontrias**, 2/28.





## RHD Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

Can you believe it? The computers are all working, the water is still running, my lights work and LAPD outnumbered the New Year's Eve party-goers two to one. Welcome to the year 2000.

### Commendable Incident

I would like to thank Det. **Martin** from our Robbery Specialists Section for the following. On July 26, 1999, at approximately 0700 hours, six males robbed the Lakeview Market located in Foothill Division. The suspects, armed with handguns, tied up all the employees and customers. Not only did the suspects rob these victims, they were also able to gain entry to the market's safe and remove the currency. The suspects made good their getaway in a U-Haul truck.

RHD detectives, along with several Foothill Division detectives responded to the crime scene and collected valuable evidence that would later assist in the identification of two of the suspects. Based on this information, detectives requested the assistance of our friends from SIS. On October 20, 1999, the suspect's vehicle containing several individuals was located in Hollywood Division. The detective that located the suspect vehicle requested the assistance of a patrol unit to make a felony stop. Hollywood Officers **Bunch**, #24244 and **Marmolejo**, #30061, unit 6A97, along with Rampart Officers **Friesenbahn**, #33554 and **Ogatz**, #32691, unit 2A21, responded to the detective's location. The officers, after being advised of the seriousness of the crime, con-

### RHD Family Business

RHD congratulates **Joey Getherall**, the son of retired Bank Squad D-III **Joe Getherall**, on being selected not only to the ALL DECADE Football Team but also being named to the ALL CENTURY Football Team for the San Gabriel Valley. What makes this so extraordinary is that he was selected from a list of 200,000 plus athletes and 45



Santa aka Ray "Boom Boom" Hernandez giving out gifts to many happy children at the L.A.M.P. Program, located in South LA. RHD has adopted this program for the 2nd straight year.



high schools. Joey, who will be a senior next year, plays as a receiver, flanker, and punt returner for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Congratulations and good luck next year (for my retired partner, **Norm Jackson**, FIGHT ON).



Santa and his helpers on their way to deliver gifts to the children of the L.A.M.P. Program.

### Upcoming Events

Several fun events are fast approaching. The Robbery Convention will be held this month in Reno. For info, contact **Jack Giroud** or Ray "Boom Boom" **Hernandez** at 485-2511. The Homicide Convention will soon follow though no one has given me the date yet. And the most important event of the year will be the RHD family reunion June 10th at the Academy picnic grounds. We are still planning this event so keep an eye on the *Blue Line* for information. This is being planned as a steak-fry for the entire family. So mark your calendars and plan on showing up. If you have any comments, contact **Otis Marlow** in Homicide Specialists.

### Welcome to RHD

We at RHD would like to welcome Det. I **Michelle Esquivel** (DHD) and Det. I **Gevork Shamlyan** (HWD) who will be joining our Rape Specialists Section. We would also like to welcome back to LAPD and RHD new Det. II **Rick Jackson**. That's right, this is the same Rick Jackson that retired out of RHD as a Det. III some three years ago. Rick will be working in Homicide Specialists.

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## First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post & Communications Div.

by Sgt. Shannon Paulson  
Department Command Post & Communications Division

Deployment Period 11 brought about a new addition to Communications Division. The Department Command Post was activated, assuming many of the responsibilities formerly held by Detective Headquarters Division. Along with this new responsibility came the transfer of 17 new sworn personnel: Sgts. **Matthew Mulvihill**, **Barry Blocker**, and **Shannon Paulson**; Officers **Camille Armstead**, **Tracy Callis**, **Scott Dewitt**, **Tenisha Dobine**, **Minor Jimenez**, **Victoria Kroyan**, **Stacy Leal**, **Martha Ramirez**, **Art Rodriguez**, **Ricky Rodriguez**, **Kevin Snaer**, **Sam Rodriguez**, **Dean Thompson**, and **Jennifer Selleck** were all surprised to find themselves on the transfer. We were welcomed warmly by Communications Division personnel.

The first week saw most of the crew taking a crash course on DCP functions, "learning by doing." At the same time we scrounged the Department finding the items necessary to outfit our own office. Built into a corner of a subfloor of Communications, which originally held only backup and training RTO consoles, the DCP office was essentially built from the ground up. We quickly learned that asking nicely for supplies and equipment doesn't always get you a quick response, but adding, "This unit is being developed at the Chief's orders" gets unbelievably

speedy results! Also within the first couple of weeks, AM Watch personnel came up with what is now the official motto of the DCP: "First to know, last to go!"

The Department Command Post, now fully functional, is located at the very bottom of City Hall East, floor P-5, directly underneath the Communications floor (you don't really get any lower in the city of Los Angeles). It has taken some time to become accustomed to working in this underground environment. The facilities were originally built as a bomb shelter, with the capability to withstand a nuclear detonation. Earthquakes, I've been told, should be no problem. Of course, the above ground floors of City Hall East might not fair so well, and should they come crashing down above us, it would probably be weeks before we were dug out. Then, of course, there is the nearby underground tributary for which Spring Street was originally named, so the possibility of drowning is always present following a major earthquake.

In the early days of December, Command Post and CDC personnel learned of the plight of Carolynn, a single mother with four young girls who was also caring for her parents. Her mother had recently undergone a double amputation of her legs due to complications caused by diabetes. This single mother was struggling to make ends meet as the only breadwinner for this family of seven, and was no doubt going to find it difficult to make the holiday season something special for them. Personnel from the DCP and CDC set about "adopting" the family, and within a scant two weeks had raised over \$1,000 in cash and gift contributions, as well as additional donations of food stuffs and clothing. On Friday, December 17, representatives of both entities delivered these gifts and items, along with a Christmas tree complete with lights and ornaments, to Carolynn and her family. They were surprised and thrilled with the scope of the contributions, and very thankful for the outpouring by LAPD personnel.

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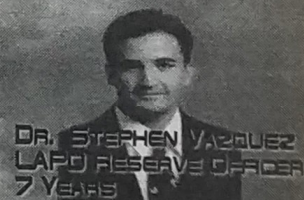
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### Devonshire Dateline

by Don Graham  
Devonshire Division

#### Comings and Goings

We bid a fond farewell to our Devonshire Dateline reporter, Det. **Elaine Dewberry**. Elaine has been working the Burglary Table at Devonshire since April, 1998, and just this month received a promotion to DII and a new position with Internal Affairs. We extend our congratulations and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors. We'll miss you, Elaine.

It is with equal sadness that we bid farewell to three of Devonshire Area's long-time Detectives, D3 **Russ Lyons**, with 30 years, and D2 **Joe Adolph**, with 32 years, both from our Auto Table, are pulling the plug for the new year and retiring. Joining them is D1 "Siete Mares" **Mares** from CAPS, with 27 years on the job. Add that up, folks, 89 years of experience between them! Gentlemen, your shoes will be hard to fill. We wish you good health and Godspeed. For those of you that would like to celebrate the occasion, there will be a three-fer dinner at the Disabled Veterans hall in Canoga Park on Thursday, February 24, 2000. Contact **Tom Broad** or **Kenny Crocker** at Dev-

onshire Detectives (818-756-8291) for details and tickets.

PSR **Charlene Vawter**, our Property Disposition Clerk, is also leaving us after 27 years for the greener pastures of retirement. We wish you all the best!

Sgt. **John Delvecchio** has transferred to Training Division and he is taking P3s **Barbara Matzoll** and **Thomas O'Brien** with him. We also say so long to **Lee Perry**, **Heather Kowalczyk**, and **Todd Holmberg**, going to Central, North Hollywood and VTD, respectively. We welcome the following newcomers: Det. **Paul Morgan** and Officers **Louis Cabrera**, **Fred Cueto**, **Michael Guttila**, **Marc Diamond**, **Darryl Williams**, **Phillip Bruno** and **Charles Kim**. P2 **Robert Bishop** from Rampart is promoting in as a new P3. We welcome all of you to the Devonshire family. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone!

#### News From the Wet Set Gazette

Det. **Rhonda Von Gober** from Devonshire Burglary and her husband, Det.

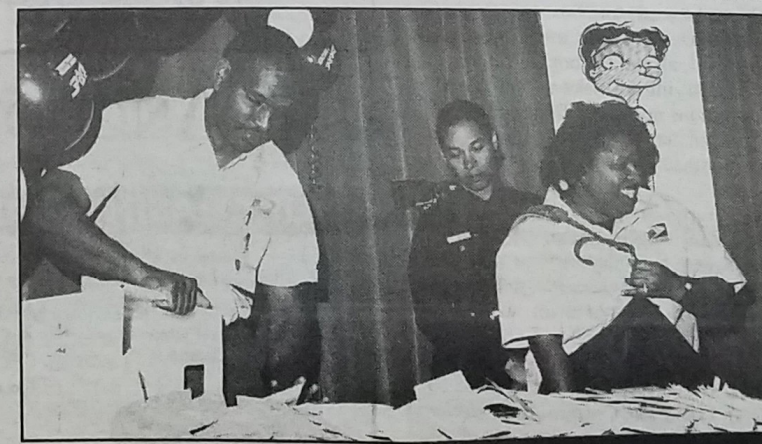


photo by Elaine "Pepper" Dewberry  
Rhonda Sydney, Samantha & Ron Von Gober (DSD Fugitives).

touched my heart. DARE Officers **Deon Montgomery** and **Adrian Ferns** were working 18Z1 on December 23rd when they responded to a radio call of a possible suicidal woman. Further investigation revealed that the woman wasn't actually suicidal, she was just very depressed over the recent death of her mother and her dire financial situation. She was unable to buy any Christmas presents for her son or nephews. Adrian and Deon, feeling very much in the Christmas spirit, went over to the swap meet and purchased some clothes for her and her 16-year-old son, and also bought the family a Christmas tree. They were able to arrange for some toys for the family through Southeast's annual toy drive. Now *that* is DARE love.

#### Companion Officer Program

Many thanks to those of you who are participating in the "Companion Officer" program, where 5th grade students have written to you as patrol officers and detectives. Police officers are heroes and role models in their eyes, and their letters affirm that they appreciate all that you do to keep their communities safe. Writing back to them takes just a few minutes and



Officer Keely Coleman and U.S. Postal employees sorting the "Companion Officer" letters at Parker Center kick-off.

**Ron Von Gober**, from DSD Fugitives, welcomed a new addition to their family on December 5, 1999. Her name is **Sydney Elizabeth** and she weighed in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches tall. Baby Sydney was born on her big sister **Samantha's** birthday, while **Samantha** was celebrating turning 2 years old. And that's a two-fer! Mom, baby, dad and sister are doing great!

Speaking of additions, P3 **Dave Smith** (with our Mac Table) and his wife, **Lauren**, are expecting the arrival of their second bundle of joy, which will probably have occurred by the time this is printed. Their 2-1/2 year-old daughter will have a baby brother. Names are still being discussed, but "Chandler" seems the likely choice.

We also hear that PI **William Martin III** and his bride had the first millennium baby in Simi Valley too!! He is **William Martin IV** and got a bunch of great stuff for being the first recorded arrival. We will hopefully have a photo next month.

Congratulations to all the proud parents!

We are still waiting for news on **Eric** and **Kim Moore** and **Mark** and **Barbara Johnson's** deliveries.

#### LAPD Racing Team

The LAPD Racing Team, headed up by our own **Tony Foti**, recently returned from an 8-day trip to Wasilla, Alaska (that's north of Anchorage for us flatlanders) where they took the title in the interstate competition. Hoorah! Next up, Winter Nationals in Pomona in February and a match race in Oahu in July. (Hey, where do I sign up for this team?)

#### Holiday Basket Giveaway

Officer **Sandoval** down at the Youth Center reports a successful P.A.L.S. holiday basket giveaway this year. With the

contributions of area residents, local businesses, and funds from P.A.L.S., holiday meal baskets including turkeys, canned goods and fresh fruit were distributed to the 180 participants. The Youth Center also hosted a holiday party, complete with cakes and cookies and a visit from Santa Claus who distributed toys to the approximately 100 children who attended. The toys were also donated by Northridge Area residents and businesses. No shortage of good will here. The spirit of giving is alive and well in Devonshire Division.

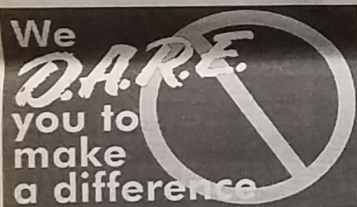
#### Explorer News

From the 1st to the 23rd of December, Devonshire Area Law Enforcement Explorers were hard at work providing security at the Northridge Fashion Center parking lot, as well as providing crowd control at the Chatsworth and Granada Hills holiday parades. Officers **Ingrid Langrehr** and **Sid Gonzalez** deployed the Explorers in groups of 20 per day, working evenings after school and all day over the holiday weekends. We didn't see many BFMVs during their watch and we figure they can certainly take some of the credit there!

#### Passings

On a much sadder note, we regret to announce the passing of our own Sgt. **Robert Taylor**, #20063, on December 21, 1999. He "went home" to family in Pennsylvania and a memorial service was held here at Devonshire Station on January 13, 2000.

We at Devonshire hope you all had a wonderful holiday and we extend our best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year!



by Karen Widman  
DARE Division

#### We're Baaack!

It's the first week in February, and all DARE officers are present and accounted for back at DARE Division. During the winter break when the schools were not in session, DARE officers went back into the field to work in three separate geographic divisions. We, as DARE personnel, were fairly evenly distributed between Van Nuys, Southeast and Central Divisions. Our deployment started on December 20th and went through January 7th. We were assigned as A-cars, X-cars, Z-cars, footbeat details and detectives. Once those of us that have been at DARE Division for over a year figured out how to operate the new MDTs, we were able to go and do some good police work and have a really good time in the process. It will be a challenge to figure out what we are going to do when the court time starts coming in from all the tickets we wrote, people we arrested and reports we did, but it was worth it because we were able to help our brother and sister officers during one of the busiest times of the year. We would like to thank all the officers of those divisions we worked with for their warm welcome and making going back to patrol such a rewarding experience.

When we returned to our division, I heard a lot of really good "war" stories about narco and GTA arrests, and wacky radio calls that we will all remember. However, there was one story that really

the students that have received your letters ad notes are thrilled to be hearing from you. Officer **Hendley Hawkins** has taken this project a step further. Under the assistance and direction of Capt. **Garner** and Sgt. **Smith** of South Traffic Division, Hendley was able to pass out new toys to the students of several schools with the letters from the officers to the students. The students and school faculty were very appreciative of the gesture, thanks to our STD neighbors, and your personal letters.

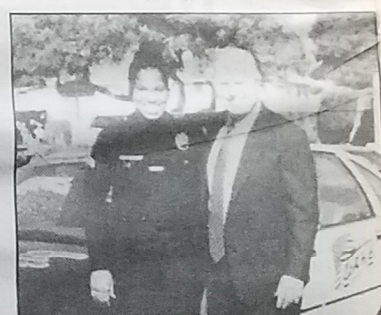
#### The Stork Has Landed (Again!)

Best wishes and congratulations to Officer **Caesar Gonzalez** and his wife, **Claudia**, on the birth of their son, **Nicholas**. Officer **Chuck Williams** and his wife, **Mary**, are also celebrating the birth of their daughter, **Kimberly**. Both babies are doing well and were born before that all-important December 31st tax deduction cut-off date!

#### LAPD Teaches the Sheriffs a Thing or Two

DARE Division at the Los Angeles Police Department is also the Western

Regional Training Center for all DARE officers in the western-most 10 United States. Basically any officer that is inter-



Officer Karen Wright and Mayor Riordan at the Open School Library grand opening.

ested in presenting the DARE program must go through the two-week training seminar hosted by the LAPD. In August of 1999, all the deputies of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, who had been teaching the SANE Program, were instructed in the DARE curriculum. The deputies, who were already accomplished instructors, are now also DARE(ing) to make a difference!

#### Congratulations!

Warmest congratulations go out to Officer **Cynthia Deinstein** and Officer **Troy Abordo** (aka James Woods) on their recent promotion to PIII. Those new stripes look good!

Also, congratulations go out to **Steven Paysinger**, Capt. **Earl Paysinger's** son, on his selection as part of the Long Beach Press Telegram "Dream Team." He was one of the few football players picked to represent the Long Beach, San Pedro, and South Gate area. More bragging rights go out to **Mike Pratt**, son of Lt. **Terry Pratt**, who has recently completed basic flight school in Pensacola, Florida, and is now in Mississippi training to fly F-18 jets. Speaking of Lt. **Terry Pratt**, congratulations on 30 years of service to this Department. Sir, you've set the standard!



# 77th All American Division

by Maria Marquez  
77th Street Division

## A "12A15" Legend

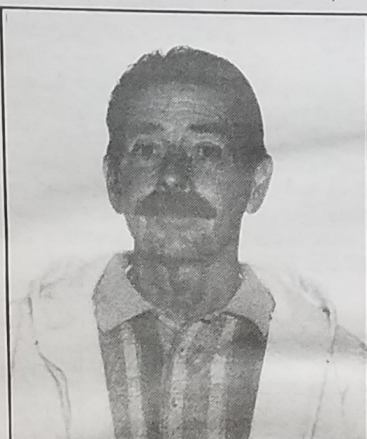
In the early 1980s most of the "O.G. 77th Cops of 2000" came to 77th Street. We are few, but we are still here and remain dedicated because of officers



A "12A15" Legend... Roger Lewis #14017.

like our friend **Roger Lewis**, #14017. When you come to a division with a legendary reputation, you look for people like Roger, because you know that it is through officers like him you will gain the knowledge and expertise needed to survive in the streets of 77th Division. He has indeed been a mentor to many. Roger joined the LAPD in 1968. Early in his career he worked Newton and then came to 77th and here he remained. He took a leave in November, 1979, but was back by February of 1981. Just in time to be one of the few mentors needed for this legendary Division.

Roger was assigned to the basic car 12A15 (morning watch) for just about his entire career. When I promoted to Senior Lead Officer (for 12A15) in



1986 Roger became one of my mentors. The man knew everything about the area. He knew who the bad guys were, and he knew where to go to find them. If there was a crime problem in his area, he took care of it. If you were a probationer of his, you were one of the "chosen few." If you were assigned to this car as a "no time on the job PII," you wanted to be just like him. He showed us the meaning of teamwork, and he instilled in me that although there is a star on my sleeve patch, that only brings on additional responsibilities. The star is below the two stripes, you are a training officer first to your probationers and younger officers. They are the ones who will come to your aid when you put out that "back-up," "assistance" or "help call." This is an officer who has been commended time and time again for his dedication to this Department. A recipient of the "Police Star" for saving the life of a young child, and even after sustaining a serious IOD injury to his back and neck, chose to stay on at 77th Division and work in our training unit in hopes of providing some beneficial input to our younger officers.

I would also like to thank Roger's wife, Corinne, for putting up with this divisional family for all these years.



The Millennium was no problem for 77th... Bring on that Democratic Convention.

Thank you for backing up this wonderful man, and allowing him to share his special gifts.

On December 14, 1999, Officer **Roger Lewis**, #14017, reported to SID and took his picture for his "retired" I.D. card. When I received these pictures of before and after, one special memory came to mind. In March of 1994, I was given a binder entitled "Field Officers Notebook." This was to be a notebook which set guidelines for Departmental Training Officers. When I presented Officer Roger Lewis with this notebook he just smiled and I thought to myself, "Oh please, I am giving a notebook to him on how to train probationers?" So I told him: "Sir, can you please just autograph this book for me, so I can have it forever?" PIII Roger Lewis, #14017, took the book from me and wrote: "To Maria, Love Rog." I still have this book, and I thank you so much, Sir, for being my friend and mentor. I dedicate this *Blue Line* article to you.

## Happy 2000, No Problem at 77th Street

77th Street welcomed in a new millennium with no problem. Prior to our watches we gathered together for various briefings. We were blessed in prayer, as a Divisional family, by our Divisional Chaplain, **Rev. Ferrol Robins**, and after the blessings we feasted on an incredible potluck brought in by the officers.

Congratulations to all of our Divisional Patrol Officers who took the time to educate our community on the seri-



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ousness of firing weapons on this New Year's celebration. Many of you had to adjust your days off to accommodate these community events. Your sacrifice made the difference! May the blessings you have given this community come back to you and your family.

## Only in 77th Street

The "Catwoman" lives, just ask Officer **Gary Verge** and Officer **Erika Spence**. While on routine patrol on Western Ave. they observed a woman down, lying on her stomach, in the number two lane of this major boulevard. Being the diligent officers that they are, they stopped to see what the problem was. As they approached the possible victim to ascertain if she was OK, she rolls over and appears to be clutching a deceased cat (deceased for some time). She quickly jumps up and begins to chase Officer Spence around her police vehicle attempting to hit her with this dead cat. When attempts to catch Officer Spence are exhausted, she sets her sights on Officer Verge, who is not going to be a part of this "dog and cat" game, and he utilizes his O.C. (Witnesses to the Use of Force said you had to be there.) The suspect is transported to Daniel "Feline" Hospital. There was a Code 4 on this feline accessory. The feline was released to Animal Regulation (see picture), no immediate threat. The woman backs up the officers, and understands the implementation of O.C.! One thing is for certain, neither one of these officers can ever be a sponsor for "Hello Kitty."

Best of luck to all in the year 2000. Just remember, everybody's faxing and modeming and online and inputting and downloading and overnighting. You can send anything to anybody, anywhere in the world in seconds. But it still takes the same time it always took to know a soul, to mend a broken heart, to give birth to a child. Even in a world of change, some things just don't. Be safe!

# Southern Tip

by Alley Cat  
Harbor Division

We are one month into the new year and not much has changed. The community still supports us and police are doing what they know and get paid for. I think only the faces change, DP by DP. There are quite a few retirements coming up and a lot of old officers are looking at this year to hang up the old gun belt.

Det-III **Larry Kallestad** has decided to hang up the gun belt and dabble in the stock market. Larry has 36 years under the belt, with 25 of 28 years in Detectives as a Homicide Dick. Larry is finishing his last few days out at the Harbor Detectives. He is going south, I think, as far as Newport Beach (Balboa Island). If you ever see a black Chrysler prowler cruising around with a gray-haired old man driving around, wave. It's probably Larry enjoying retirement. Good luck, Larry, and have a great retirement. One last bit of history about Larry—this year his blushing bride, Pam, and he will celebrate 39 years of marriage.

The Harbor running team is hot at the daily workouts and trying to raise some much-needed funds for the Baker to Las Vegas annual run. The ladies and gentlemen did well last year, placing 15th in the overall. They would like to improve dramatically if **Art Ibarra**, manager, can kick some butt and motivate the folks.

Once again, improvements around Harbor Station have been taking place. We are repaving the whole parking lot and trying to upgrade the station into the 21st century.

I'll try and catch up on all the transfers in the last two DPs, promotions, upgrades, and movement has been rampant. Det-III **Lyle Prideaux** decided he needed more money for his retirement, so he went and made lieutenant. I hope the crusty old veteran can handle Hollenbeck. **Kathy Riggs** and **Jeff Bratcher** figured it's better to be in charge, so they made sergeant and bailed out of Harbor. Detectives seem to be having a difficult time keeping lieutenants. **John Dunkin** departed for Newton Division. Sgt. **Kim Mole** couldn't take anymore of Harbor and left for greener pastures in Northeast. Det-II (Little) **Pam Harris** left for the Assault Team at RHD. Sgt. **John Cordova** and P-3 **Ron Sanchez** fled to Southwest Division. D-1 **Dan** (the man) **Ornelas** felt Pacific Detectives would be a better adventure. Youngster **N. Stang** went to Hollywood and **C. Panozzo** to Wilshire. Transfers in: **C. Davis** from Central (Sgt.), **Cheryl Kent** from Sgt. to D-1, Det-II **B. Gasparian** left scenic Hollywood for a Det-II spot at Harbor. New P-2s: **L. Baxter**, **E. Davis**, **G. Stys**, and **Y. Nagata**. New blood from the Academy: **M. Gregg**, **H. Pallares**, **F. Arain** and **R. Campos**. This may be a bit shocking, Det-II **Pam Neil** was promoted again to Det-III Harbor Detectives for the second time. I hope it sticks this time, Pam. Maybe you can have them sewn on permanently and take off the velcro stripes. D-1 **Alonzo Canada** was up'd to Det-II, also at Harbor Detectives.

I'm trying to make a New Year's resolution, not make fun of management, or maybe just not as much. Oh heck with it. Capt. **M. Milton**, the great North American hunter, treated Harbor Detectives in December, pot luck luncheon, with bambi and Bullwinkle for lunch. You should have seen the facial expressions when the troops heard this. Most of them were very reluctant to even try and taste these delicacies. A few brave souls did and were mildly surprised that it tasted so good. Good job, Captain. Now you're trying to make meat eaters out of all these vegetarians.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla  
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos, welcome to the 21st century. The doomsayers apparently checked out the wrong Web site. All is well in the land of paradise (aka Los Angeles). I believe the most difficult thing about Y2K is getting used to writing "00" on checks and other documents.

#### Christmas Extravaganza Party

On December 3, 1999, South Traffic Division hosted our annual Christmas holiday party. It had all the fixin's for a great time. The Los Angeles Marriott Hotel accommodations were festive and becoming of a formal holiday affair. The food was exceedingly delicious and plentiful. All in attendance were lookin' good (see evidence photo). Gifts were dished out by the bushel to many fortunate people. But did anyone get the license plate number of the comedian who provided us with laughs that would not quit? Whew. She picked at and poked fun at (all good natured, of course) almost everyone in attendance. All in all, it was just the right way to celebrate the last party of the 20th century. Thanks to all who put in their time and efforts to allow all of us to be so very well entertained.

#### Doing the Right Thing

STD would like to recognize two of its finest officers. On 11/10/99, at approximately 1700 hours, Officer Covarrubias and Officer Hallauer were enroute to a T/C. Driving southbound on Normandie Ave. at 149th St. the officers were flagged down by two ju-

veniles obviously troubled. The juveniles directed the officers to a vehicle with an adult female and a 14-year-old female. The officers observed the 14-year-old appeared to be passed out. Officer Hallauer immediately notified Communications to have an RAU respond. Without hesitation, Officer Covarrubias made a quick medical assessment. No vital signs were apparent and the officers began CPR in an attempt to save the young girl's life. During this life-saving attempt, fluid from the 14-year-old made contact with the officers. An RAU arrived and took over the rescue and transported the young girl where she was unfortunately pronounced dead. These officers made a decision. Some would say that they placed themselves in a position of possibly acquiring a communicable disease. They focused on a life and made a decision. Now, what would you have done? I commend the officers for their decisiveness. As a reminder please carry on your person a CPR resuscitator mask.

#### Sports

We at South Traffic have always considered ourselves small in numbers but mighty in spirit. For the past few years, STD has fielded a basketball team that would not quit when the chips were down but were usually (like almost always) on the shorter end of the score. Well, this is a new century. I will be bold and brash and say that STD is the team to beat in the "C" League. Bring it on because it is now show time for STD.

Baker to Vegas is a few months off but the war room for the 2000 STD Straddlers is open and plans are in the making to field a mug-winning team. Watch out because that runner coming up from behind to pass you may very well be a Straddler!

#### Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, motors keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off the pavement.

### All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy  
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from the hub. Happy 1st Sweetheart's Day of the 21st century! Here's a bit of the latest around these parts.

#### Up/Out

Congratulations to former A Pltn element member **Jeff Wenninger**. Jeff is going over to the other side, supervision that is. Sgt. Wenninger's new home will be Rampart. Good luck, Jeff.

#### Incoming

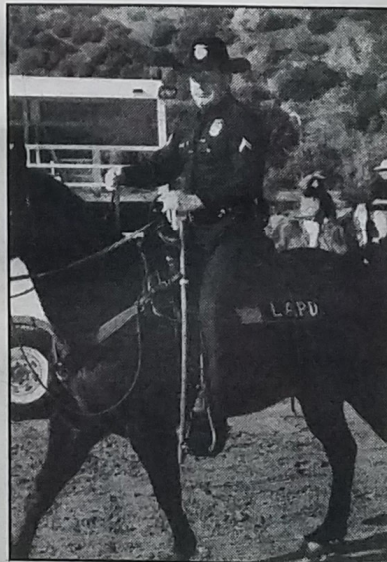
Welcome to our new element members. Being out of the loop at deadline time, I am not privy to platoon assignments. Soon to be seen around here are **Bruce Adam, Don Merle Anderson, Jr.** (yes, that's correct, Jr.), **Mark Garza**, and **Martin Tension**.

#### Platoon Movement

Congratulations to the former K9-50 **Alex Rodriguez**. Alex is making the move over to room 225 as the new 70-D. The squad leader vacancy is due to the upcoming retirement of the one and only "Boss Hogg" 20-D, **Sgt. Gil Waldron**. More on that later. Over in Georgia territory, a new platoon is forming ranks and will be headed by the former R-10, Lt. **Steve LaRoche**. In the 20-G spot is **Sgt. Don Schwarzter** followed by **Jerry Tomic** and **Ernie Haleck**. At press time, element members were still being determined.

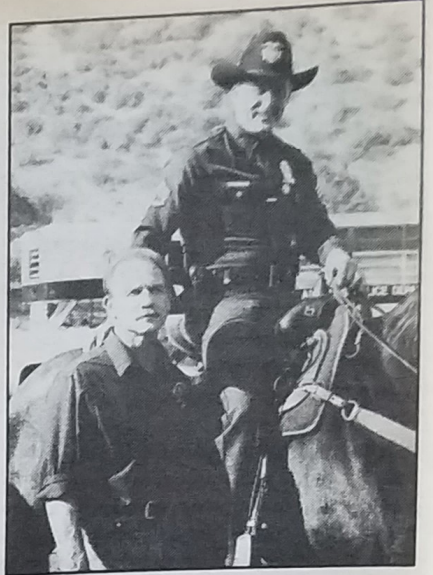
#### Meanwhile, Back at the Barn...

Back in '99, around September, we bid farewell to two very fine policemen, who combined, devoted 59 years to the city of Los Angeles. Old SWAT Dogs turned cowboys, **John McCrossen** (7-67) and **Randy Walker** (4-72) pulled the pin and are enjoying the good life of retirement. John trans-



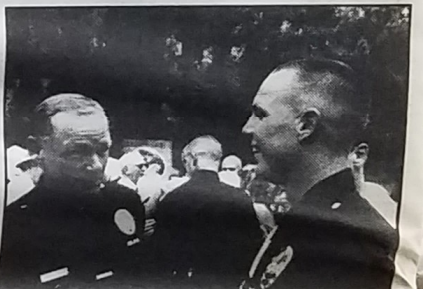
Randy Walker.

ferred into Metro in the summer of '72. Randy made the move the summer of '78. John was a SWAT member for 16



John McCrossen and Clyde Conly.

years and was one of the original runners on the Death Valley Relay, and the rest, as you know, is history. Randy racked up 15 years in D team and has had great success *calling the cops*. During his last 11 years, John stood tall as one of the Metro Calvary's finest. The two horsemen made a quiet exit E-platoon style with an old-fashioned steak fry in Griffith Park that brought out some old familiar faces—**Jeff Rogers, Bruce Hoover, Bobby Brannon, Dave Mowry, Les John**, and **Curtis Wilson** just to name a few. Gentlemen, thank you, and sincere wishes for happiness in your future endeavors.



Chip off the ol' Block. Steve Beidle & son Tommy (P-I West Valley), Academy Graduation.

In October, 1999, keeping with the rich Metro spirit of competition, Calvary members **Ronnie Daniels, Al Lopez, Joe "Nepo" Nepomuceno, Chris Amador, Jimmie Barlow, Kevin Brawner, Bob Valdez** and **Joe Delorenzo** competed in the Hi-Tech Adventure Race National Championships at Castaic Lake. Three-person teams from all over the U.S. participated in the event that was televised on the Fox spots channel. Requirements mandated all teammates finish together with no outside assistance. The grueling event consisted of a land navigation course, 12-mile mountain bike race, 2.5-mile kayak race, 8-mile (night) mountain run, mud pit, 20-foot Crisco wall, a balance beam course and the crossing of a cargo net with 20 pound sandbags. Congratulations, guys!

#### Special Delivery

Happy sweetheart's day to Santa and the boys. You guys truly have hearts of gold and your thoughtfulness most definitely touched my heart. Thank you **McGyver, V.C. (Jim), Kev, K.B., Jay, Bri, Naga, Blaine, Marty, Grandpa, Mark, Dave, Hag, Don** and **Stev-o**. XOXO

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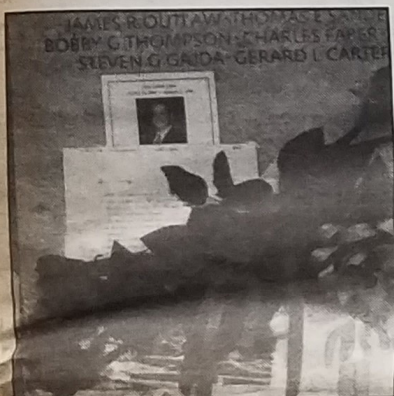
# THE Eastern Horizon

by Ruben Rodriguez  
Hollenbeck Division

Happy February 2000, everyone. First, allow me to apologize for failing to submit a January article. Next, allow me to wish you and your loved ones a belated Happy New Year. May you have a wonderful year full of all the successes life may offer.

## In Memoriam

It has been two years since the untimely and tragic death of Hollenbeck Officer **Steve Gajda**. During Police Memorial Week ceremonies, May, 1999, Steve's name was added to the Wall of Honor in Sacramento. The wall, dedicated to honor those Police Officers killed in the line of duty, stands as testimony that the ultimate price can be paid while serving the



Steve Gajda's name added to the Wall of Honor in Sacramento, May 1999.

community. The ceremony, attended by many Law Enforcement Officers from various agencies, including our very own Sgt. **Rob Holroyd**, was a very emotional experience for those present.

On New Year's Eve, 1999, which marked the second anniversary, to date, of Steve's passing, Hollenbeck officers assembled in front of Hollenbeck Station to recite a prayer in honor of Steve. The short prayer, presided over by Department Chaplain **Costello**, was accomplished next to "Steve's" tree, which was planted in his honor, shortly after his death. Steve, you are still missed and will never be forgotten.

## Engagement Announcement

I offer my most sincere congratulations to my good friends, a favorite couple of mine, Officers **Chris "Jughead" Ramirez** and **Brenda Berens**. It seems that on November 12, 1999, at a Pasadena restaurant called "Mi Place," Chris decided to pop the question and Brenda said yes.



The happy couple will be hearing wedding bells in the very near future.

The happy couple is planning to unite as one, sometime during the month of September, exact date and location yet to be decided. Brenda and Chris, congratulations on your engagement and I wish you both a lifetime of happiness and total bliss.

## ... and Speaking of Chris

I also wish to congratulate **Chris Ramirez** on his recent promotion to Senior Lead Officer. Gosh, two winning hands in one year, what a lucky guy. Chris is now fulfilling his dream of being a Senior Lead Officer and a rising star at Rampart Division. Chris, congratulations on your promotion as well as on your engagement. See you at the wedding.

## Retirement Announcements

It seems that 20 is enough for our friend **Phil "fishbelly" Moriel**. Phil has pulled the plug and is now back in the civilian world. My only question now that Phil is gone: Who is going to outfit us with the latest Hollenbeck garb?

Also looking for greener pastures and retiring is Senior Lead Officer **Donna Norton**, who also joins the civilian ranks.

A Hollenbeck So-Long to both of you and we wish you the best of luck in the future. Thanks for all your hard work while assigned to Hollenbeck Division.

## Baby News

This month I have three new births to tell you about. The first one involves Officer **Evelyn Gutierrez**. Evelyn gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on November 27, 1999. Little **Ashley Johnae** arrived at precisely 0434 hours and weighed in at a healthy 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Mother and child are home and doing just fine.

The next baby comes via Officer **Dominic Counts**. Dominic's lovely lady, **Vy**, presented Dominic with a bouncing baby boy by the name of **Vincente**. Little **Vincente** came into this world on January 5, 2000, at 3:08 p.m. and weighed in at 7 pounds while measuring 20 inches in length. Dominic is extremely proud of his first little bundle of joy.

Next, but certainly not least, we must congratulate Officer **Robert Farias** and his lovely wife who also added a tax deduction. Baby **Ryan Nicholas Farias** arrived on December 30, 1999, weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length. Little **Ryan** is doing fine while Robert is home doing some bonding with his new family member.

Congratulations to all of you on your new family additions, and we wish you all a long, healthy and happy life.

## Movin' On Up

Congratulations go out to some fine Hollenbeck officers as they move up the ladder of success by being promoted to Training Officers. Congrats and good luck to Officers **Candice "Sweet Candy" Hensley**, **Gustavo Camacho**, and **Danny Rios**. Wish you much success in your new assignments. We also congratulate and bid farewell to Clerk Typist **Bertha Flores** who promoted to Senior Clerk Typist and is now assigned to CTD.

## Baker to Vegas

The annual **Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay** is just around the corner and we are in need of support personnel to volunteer your time. See **Austin "Kermit the Frog" Fernald** in the SLO office.

## Welcome

A great big Hollenbeck welcome is extended to Sgt. **R. Davis**, coming to us from Wilshire Division. We also have a number of working police officers joining our ranks. They are **R. Guerrero** and **J. Mendoza** in from Harbor; **J. Edson**, **F. Lopez** and **J. Ojeda**, joining us from Southeast; **J. Lopez**, South-



PSR Lupe Delacruz at the hub of Hollenbeck operations.

west; **A. Skiver**, Wilshire; and **F. Macias**, moving east from West L.A. Division. We have three brand new recruits to be trained by Hollenbeck's great Training Officers. Please welcome **P-1s R. Bellows**, **P. Miller**, and **L. Leong**, in from Chavez Ravine. A belated welcome also goes to out lovely Mid-PM Watch PSR, **Lupe De La Cruz**, who has been manning the ACC for the past three months.

## So Long

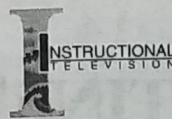
We bid farewell to **M. Segura**, who promoted to P-3 and is now assigned to Southwest Division. We also say goodbye to **Caprice Kirpatrick**, who got off probation and promptly resigned from the Department. Although I am told she will remain with us as a Reserve Officer, which is a great thing to hear, because to lose her all together would be a great loss to the Department. One of the loveliest police officers to come through Hollenbeck, **Brandy "Buffy" Danielson**, is now at North Hollywood, while **Ted "Tech Support" Jara** is now patrolling the streets of Southwest. **Ryan Whiteman** is also serving the citizens of Southwest while **Joe Fleming** and **Michelle Perry** are now chasing buses at TBD. P-2 **Gordon Helper** went kicking and screaming to Wilshire Division joined by **Mike Todd**. **Noel Flamenno** and **Chun Yim** are now both at West Los Angeles Division.

## Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Doug "The Shadow" Pierce**. I guess PSR De La Cruz will never get a sunburn.

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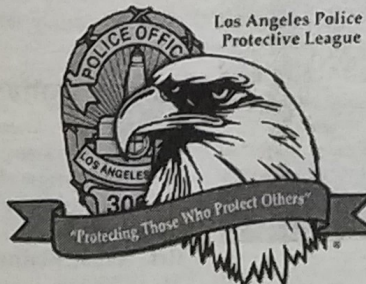


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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow  
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

The much-feared new millennium has come and gone, and despite the fears of terrorism, Armageddon and widespread computer breakdowns, it seems we're all still here. Yours truly experienced a real live Y2K glitch when the old IBM 486-clone upon which these words are typed displayed the date 1/3/80 when it was booted up. The non-billion dollar repair? Went into DOS and reset the clock. Problem solved!

There are a number of important meetings and events coming up in the next few months. In the paragraphs that follow you'll find some information about them. Most importantly there are names and contact numbers for each of them. If you or your station are interested in participating, be sure to pick up the phone (yes, they're still working) and RSVP. The LAPRAAC/LAPD sports programs only exist if you participate!

### Intra-Department Softball Team Captains' Meeting

Come enjoy the fun, exercise, camaraderie and competition as 2000 league play starts up in April. Defending champion West Valley will be looking to keep the Red Davis Trophy north of Mulholland Drive for the second consecutive year.

The first team captains' meeting of the new century (lookie-loos trying to decide whether to field a squad are definitely invited) will be held Thursday, February 24, 1130-1400 in the Elysian Park Academy Lounge. This is one of the few times there really is a "free"

lunch, so an RSVP to Athletic Dept. Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 is a must.

By our publication date, flyers should have gone out to all previous team captains and to all Divisions for posting. Rules, fees and team requirements will be discussed at the meeting.

### Orientation Meeting for Freestyle Wrestling

If you are interested in participating in freestyle wrestling this season, an orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2000 hours in the Mat Room at the Westchester Academy. Individuals who want more information about the wrestling program are encouraged to attend the meeting or e-mail Mike Smerdel (serial #32229) at Southwest Division.

### LAPRAAC/LAPD Golf Tournament Set Friday, March 10

The next in a series of bimonthly LAPRAAC/LAPD Golf Tournaments will be held Friday, March 10, at Harding Golf Course in Griffith Park. Tee-off is 0900 hours at a cost of \$45, which includes green fees, cart and prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, etc.

Call Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 to reserve your tee time. It is preferred that fees be paid in advance. However, arrangements can be made for payment on tournament day only if you call Jeanne in advance. Please make reservations as early as

possible so the number of participants can be confirmed with the golf course. Last minute reservations (or, worse yet, showing up unannounced) can create havoc for the other participants.

### Can Anyone Beat the Millennium Pigs?

Can't let the first article of the new century go without mentioning the Power Pigs! The Spring Bench Press Competition is slated for Friday, June 9, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. If anyone out there is going to dethrone 77th Street, you'd better start training now! And we're told there's no truth to the rumor LAPRAAC is going to handicap the Power Pigs by forcing them to lift in their birthday suits.

### Twenty-Second Annual Memorial Run and Relay

This tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to "protect and serve" the citizens of Los Angeles is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 13. Location for the race has not been finalized as of our press deadline but one of the places under consideration includes Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey, which has hosted the race the past couple of years.

Please mark this date on your calendars and hold the day open for what again will be a family event. More information about the final location, times, and how to register will appear in the next issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

### Y2K California Police and Fire Games

That's right... starting this year it's the California Police and Fire Games. Competition is expected to be tense as hosers from throughout the state will participate for the first time ever! The Y2K CPFG will be held June 25-July 1 at various venues in nearby San Bernardino County. If you wish to participate or have questions regarding the Games, please contact LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

### We Want Your Articles for "Sports Beat"

If you compete in an LAPD sport and wonder why you never see anything about it in *The Thin Blue Line*, then it's time to take the bull by the horns! Let us help you publicize your sport or event, boost morale, and give those participating and excelling the recognition they deserve by submitting an article to us for publication.

It's very easy—just fax your articles to (818) 957-4275 or e-mail them to [lewsnow@aol.com](mailto:lewsnow@aol.com). It doesn't matter if you're Joe Wambaugh or Joe Schmoe... even if you just send notes from which to work, we can transform that material into an article that will get the information across. If we get your articles by the fifth of the month every effort will be made to include it in the next issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. Photographs are welcome, too. Indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we will contact you.

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## Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay to Celebrate its Sweet 16th in Y2K

A big change is in store for the 16th edition of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay coming up this April 15-16. As in previous years 200 or more teams of 20 runners will start out approximately 19 miles north of the desert hamlet of Baker, home of the Bun Boy and the world's largest thermometer. And, as in the past, these stalwart individuals will run the 120 miles through desert and mountain terrain from Baker to Shoshone to Pahrump to the Tropicana Hotel on the south end of the Las Vegas Strip.

But this will be the first year that the desert heat should not be a factor in the race. In a compromise that will allow Highway 127 between Baker and Shoshone to be closed during the race, the traditional starting time structure has been significantly altered. Instead of runners taking off every hour on the hour from 1200 to 1700 there will be only three starts: 1800 (for the slower teams), 2100 and 2130. The hot desert afternoon, which sometimes saw temperatures rise above 110 degrees, will no longer affect the early runners.

All runners should be out of the desert and into the mountains long before the sun comes up. This is expected to result in a much faster race (putting into serious jeopardy Air Support/Training Division's record time of 12:41:29 set in 1996).

In addition, the later start will make the finish of the race more

accessible to normal risers. Instead of the traditional before sunup finish (around 0330 hours) which was poorly attended due to the early hour the first runner is expected to make his way up the Strip and cross the finish at the Tropicana around 0930. The last stragglers should be in by 1600.

To accommodate the later start, the Awards Ceremony, to be held at the Rio Suites and Convention Center on the west side of Las Vegas, will begin at 1900 on Sunday, April 16. Every team will receive a commemorative plaque noting their finish place and the top team in each category will receive a trophy and commemorative mugs. The overall champions will be awarded handmade sterling silver buckles plus gain custody of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Perpetual Trophy for the next year.

Also new this year is an effort to give something back to the faculty and students of Baker High School, and the people of Baker, who have wholeheartedly supported the race since its inception in 1984.

"We want every runner to bring with them (to the race) a new children's book meant for someone in grade K-12," said Race Coordinator Chuck Foote (LAPD ret.). "The community of Baker has been wonderful to us for the last 16 years. It is our goal to add 4,000 books to the library at Baker High School on race day."

"What better way to repay the hospitality shown by everyone in

Baker than to make a massive donation to the education of the children in their community," added co-Coordinator Larry Moore (LAPD ret.).

We'll have more on the Y2K Baker to Vegas Relay in next

month's issue. For further information on the race contact Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219, or log onto [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com).

## Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race

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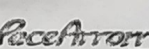
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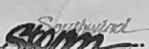
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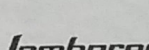
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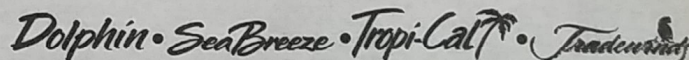


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Group I), Training ("C" League Group II), and Southeast Narcotics ("D" League).

At our press deadline play was beginning in the four league tournaments, with whoever comes out on top in the "A" League Tournament taking home

#### 1999-2000 INTRADEPARTMENTAL BASKETBALL FINAL STANDINGS

"A" League	W	L	Pct.	GB
DARE #1	6	1	.857	—
77TH STREET	6	1	.857	—
METRO #1	4	3	.571	2
SOUTHWEST #1	4	3	.571	2
SOUTHEAST #1	3	4	.429	3
CENTRAL #1	2	5	.286	4
RAMPART #1	2	5	.286	4
DEVONSHIRE	1	6	.143	5
"B" League	W	L	Pct.	GB
FOOTHILL #1	7	0	1.000	—
TRANSIT (Calleros)	5	2	.714	2
N. HOLLYWOOD	2	3	.400	4
TRANSIT (Waymire)	2	5	.286	5
"C" League - Group I	W	L	Pct.	GB
NEWTON	6	1	.857	—
INTERNAL AFFAIRS	5	2	.714	1
SOUTH TRAFFIC	3	3	.500	2-1/2
WILSHIRE	3	3	.500	2-1/2
METRO #2	3	4	.429	3
SOUTHWEST #2	2	5	.286	4
WEST TRAFFIC	1	5	.167	4-1/2
"C" League - Group II	W	L	Pct.	GB
TRAINING	5	1	.833	—
HOLLENBECK	4	3	.571	1-1/2
DARE #2	2	3	.400	2-1/2
HARBOR	2	3	.400	2-1/2
SO. BUREAU CRASH	2	3	.400	2-1/2
HOLLYWOOD	2	5	.286	3-1/2
CENTRAL #2	1	4	.200	3-1/2
"D" League	W	L	Pct.	GB
SOUTHEAST (Narcotics)	5	0	1.000	—
SOUTHEAST (Kelso)	6	1	.857	—
FOOTHILL #2	2	5	.286	4
CAPTAINS	1	5	.167	4-1/2
RAMPART #2	1	5	.167	4-1/2

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Finishing atop their leagues were DARE #1 ("A" League), Foothill #1 ("B" League), Newton ("C" League

the Captain Al Nelson Trophy as the LAPD champions. We'll have a full report on the basketball tournaments in the next issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

## LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

The national rankings are in, and LAPD's LAPRAAC/FMF/Troy Lee Designs/Zing Graphics/BELL Helmets Motocross team scored well. Five of our racers finished well enough over the 1999 Fire and Police MX Nationals series to earn top 100 national ranking numbers. Officer Rich Swisher, additionally sponsored by SPY and Moto West, is our highest ranking at #34, next is Officer Mike Kilpatrick, #46 (LAPRAAC Senior Athlete of the Year), followed by Officer Rob Cosner, #60, Sgt. Ken Koch, #70, and not last, not least, Officer Rob Plourde, #84. These numbers show the racers overall ranking against ALL police officers and fire fighters in the nation, in any racing class for the entire year. If you happen to see one of these guys around town make sure you congratulate them, and then promptly give them some crap about something else so they don't get too big-headed for their new BELL helmets. 1999 was our team's set-up year and we made some positive progress. But Y2K is sizing up to be the year of the Getto Cop in the world of Motocross. Officer Paul Menchacca is racing his 2000 FMF Honda CR250 in the

California. He won his last five races and in one race ended up second overall. Rob has secured a championship for the 1999 District 37 Off-Road racing season, and will graduate to the Expert/Pro class within the next few months. Our team has some newcomers that we are excited to have around. Sixty-year-old retiree and extreme sports maniac Dick Postma has lined up to



Sean Fiola #216, and Rob Cosner #311, do battle over one of Glen Helen's big table tops.

race with us for the 2000 season. If you have any questions about what makes a 60-year-old man want to hang it out on a MX track, just visit his personal Web site



Shot out of the gate A 12 gauge, a gaggle of first time beginners scrap toward turn 1.

GFI MX racing series and has set his sights on a top ten spot for the year. His first moto of the season went well with a 7th place ride, but in the second moto while running second, he was clipped in a corner and his back was used as traction by several friendly competitors. The man of the year for our racing effort would have to be Officer Rob Plourde though. Rob has been racing nearly every weekend at some desert race, a cross country, a Grand Prix, or basically wherever and whenever anyone says they can go faster than him in the state of

(dpostma@qnet.com) and see for yourself. But beware youngsters, you might log off that site feeling a little un-sat. And speaking of un-sat, I don't think softball, bowling, or golf season is keeping anyone from strapping themselves to 200 pounds of plastic, aluminum and spine-stretching horsepower. So COME OUT AND RIDE!! February 24th is our second riding day at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, so bust out of those coach shorts, feed the remote to your dog, and shatter some earth with the MX team!

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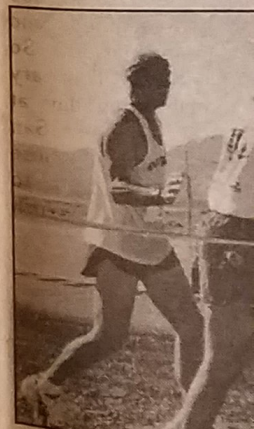
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## Old Blue Run

by Neil Parker

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# RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



## Retirement Corner

February, 2000

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14 of L.A.'s finest for a total of 396 years of service.

## Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

For better or worse, it seems like most of us took Y2K in stride and had a great time. Locally, Old Blue has been taking practice in stride since we won the title in our category at the second running of the 120-mile Law Enforcement Scorpion Relay Race from Laughlin to Las Vegas. It was a great day for racing and all concerned ran some pretty good legs. The attached pictures from the race are through the courtesy of "Long Distance Running for Seniors" and team member Dale Sprinkle. Naw, just kidding. These are Dale's pictures and he was kind enough to let us use them to illustrate some of our runners' abilities. Pretty amazing when you see the team in a race, to realize that about the only thing that most coppers ran for years

port vehicle. So, tell me something... are these Old Blue cops in shape or what?

How's your team doin'? You and your running crew getting shaped up for the Baker to Vegas race on April 15 & 16? Figured that you were from what I read in the divisional columns in *The Thin Blue Line*. We're only about 75 days away now so keep on truckin' with your practice runs. Old Blue members like Chuck Foote finished among the top five in a recent Regional Elite Masters event. Dale Sprinkle came in second in his age group in a race in Fresno. Mel Sandvig and Bill Osuna ran a couple of



Left to right: Sandvig & McTaggart.

ago was to get to Coopers or some other doughnut stand ahead of the CHPs. The picture on the left shows (left to right) 1998 team captain Mel Sandvig as he hands off the baton to 1999 team captain Chuck McTaggart as Chuck starts the ball rolling on leg 12. The picture on the right shows (l-r) Bob Carter handing off to Dale at leg 8. And no, the Caddy in the background is not our team sup-



Left to right: Carter & Sprinkle.

marathons in San Jose and Santa Clarita. And all the rest of the team from Washington, Idaho and Utah to Northern California, Nevada and Arizona are keeping in top shape with participation in local races and/or just keeping up with their regular running routine. And if you're looking for a little extra expertise, then get yourself a copy of Coach Pat Connelly's famous book, *Go the Distance*. A local guy who graduated from Birmingham High School, Pat has been coaching for over 35 years. He's a member of Old Blue and has also coached a few LAPD teams including

## Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

Well the millennium has come and gone and we all are still here. The end of the earth did not come, as some claimed it would. The computers did not all go wacky as some claimed they would. It turned out to be a news media hype. And it did sell papers and lots of people stayed glued to the boob-tube.

I have to get this in by the 6th of the month in order for it to come out in February's paper. Naturally it will be before the luncheon, which was January 12, 2000. As of this writing, only 62 have sent in their reservations, and since this is only January 3rd, I imagine we will have at least 20 more, making it 82. It will be the smallest crowd we have had since April 14, 1983, which was our first luncheon and start of the Inland Blue Line.

I finally got a hold of Chief Daryl Gates. He called me and apologized for not being able to be guest speaker at the January 12th luncheon but said he would try and make one at a later date. He already had a commitment on January 12th.

Now for an update on Beverly, and I must say what has happened to her has been a nightmare. On November 18 she had a quadruple bypass which turned out perfect. On November 22 she suffered a massive stroke. On December 4 I discovered that she had not been properly cared for which resulted in numerous bed sores which had not been properly treated. On December 8 she suffered a cardiac arrest. On December 20 she suffered a massive seizure and had to be put back on the ventilator. On

December 23 they moved her to a special hospital in Ontario for pulmonary and physical therapy. A small wound in her leg became infected and doctors would have to operate on Beverly's leg on Monday a.m. The doctor says there is a 50/50 chance that he can save the leg. I spend from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the hospital, some 132 miles round trip, return all calls for the day, get to bed at 11:00 p.m., up again at 5:00 a.m., and do it all over again. Thanks for all the letters and calls and prayers. Couldn't have gotten this far without them. If Beverly could talk, I know she would want to thank you all personally. Maybe some day, God willing.

The next meeting and luncheon of Inland Blue Line will be Wednesday, April 12th. I should be able to know if Chief Gates will attend. I sure hope so.

Keep up the good work. Can't get along without it. And believe me it really is a jungle out there. Those drivers are crazy, so be careful. God help you if any of you have to go to a hospital. We have been to two of the top of the list and look what happened to Beverly. She sure doesn't deserve it. Bye for now and God bless!

P.S. For all you former detectives, yes, I documented everything, hour by hour and day by day, since December 1 when the nightmare started. I have some 127 pages and two rolls of pictures, plus all names and places. I even marked evidence. When I showed them where I had marked the evidence, a nurse asked sarcastically, "What are you, a policeman?" My answer, "Matter of fact, I was, ma'am!"

the winner of Baker to Vegas for the last two years, the speedster cops from Metro-Red. Speaking of Vegas, don't forget to get your room reservations in NOW. The Rio Hotel is once again race headquarters and a great time is in store again this year. It really is an occasion for great camaraderie.

Did you notice on page 47 of the January *Thin Blue Line* a two-column love story entitled "Honoring My Wife, Beverly," as written by Loyd Yandle, Bev's husband. I thought my friend and certainly everyone's friend, Loyd, beautifully expressed a lifetime of shared moments and wonderful memories of a man and his wife. Tenderly refreshing and not an unwelcome change of pace from grand stories of heroes, glorious accomplishments and goals achieved, it

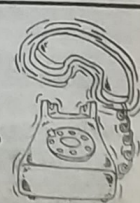
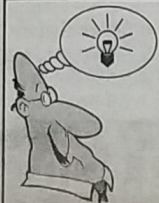
reminds me, and I'm sure most readers, how precious but fleeting is this time that the Lord has bestowed upon us. For my part, I, like most of you, am going to honor Loyd's request in the third paragraph from the bottom of his column: please say a prayer for this cop's wonderful sweetheart. Amen.

P.S. The next meeting for Old Blue, or anyone interested in running with us, is on Sunday, February 27th at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine, at the B.B. Diamond behind the Park Rangers Station off of Crystal Springs Road. Exit the I-5 at the Griffith Park off-ramp, R/T at the boulevard stop sign, about 1/2 mile to the Rangers station. Free breakfast for first timers. Note: That's first timers, not old timers!

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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

Our holiday celebration was held on December 10th at the beautiful home of Clayton and Carolyn Mayes in Rancho

Mirage, and boy do they really know how to throw a party! The decorations, food, libations, and hospitality were magnificent. Thank you for being such gracious hosts.



Bob Bowers had 'em rolling on the floor — literally.



Mike Guy was a "big" winner.



Carolyn Mayes and Norna Sporrer

Those in attendance at this gala event were: Chuck and Tammy Aslin, George Avans, Mike and Joanne Bergman, Bob and Melody Bowers, Peter and Doreen Brautovich, Bill and Natalie Costleigh, Tim and Sue Dotson, Ron and Bonnie Ellena, Mike and Debbie Guy, Dick and Betty King, Duane Lloyd, Clayton and Carolyn Mayes, Aaron and Lyn Montano, Mike and Linda Nichols, Charlene Reming, George Reming, Jay and Edith Snow, Lou and Norna Sporrer, Jim and Nancy Swiston, Quint and Yolanda Villanueva, Roger and Maxine Williams, and Jerry Wittman.

Our next tournament will be held on February 25th at Woodhaven Country Club. Watch for the flyer with all the details.

### Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on February 16, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. in the room adjacent to the Bar Lounge. There is no set start time so you may arrive any time after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had 33 at the December 15th luncheon. The attendees were Don Barnett (7433), John Becker (5059), Ted Debs (6808), Gene Dillon (3411), Hilliard (Curly) Elliott (4534), Ray Elmer (5607), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Feddersen (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), Bob Gibson (4585), Mel Harner (4501), Glen Kailey

(3503), John Kepke (4603), Matthew Klein (24736), Tom Lindholm (4734), Bud (6680) and Bobbie Long, Lloyd Lundy (4132), Royal MacGregor (5004), Bill Mathieson (6579), Richard McDonald (10103), Lou Netza (7655), Paul Nicholas (4047), Pete Prieto (6382), Bob Reeves (6874), Lynn Selby (4390), Cliff Shannon (2370), Dustin Splaine (7183), Stu Stremsterfer (4394), Norm Sulflow (6902), Clark Wardle (7584), Earl Wells (6297), and Rose Wever. McDonald and Selby were first-time attendees.

If you need any information about meetings (always the third Wednesday of each month), call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net.



### NOTE NOTE NOTE NOTE

The 18th Annual Reunion of the 77th Street Division is coming soon. Mark your calendars for June 5, 6 and 7, 2000, as those are the dates of this great event which will be held at the San Remo Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

Take this opportunity to see and visit with old friends as this can't go on forever. Information will be in the mail shortly and if you haven't received mailouts in the past, contact either Rolph Lucke, (909) 597-1653 or George Surber (909) 927-5353.



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Good wishes are given to retiring detectives Larry Queen, Gene Peterson and Michael Houchen.

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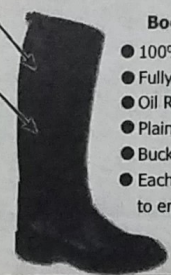
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## Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

### Happy Valentine's Day 2000

If you haven't bought a Valentine's Day card for your wife, husband, or sweetie, or whatever you call each other, it's about time you took care of that matter before it's too late!

As you know, SABLA held the third annual Christmas luncheon at Del Webb's Sun City in Roseville on December 16, 1999. We had some last minute cancellations, but that happens during that time of the year. My good friends **Dave & Edie Wheeler** had to bow out, and the **Joe Sandovals** couldn't make it, but we understand that events happen, and maybe next time you can join us.

We did have a great time getting together for this one date during the Christmas season. The excellent food was catered by the Del Webb people, and there was plenty of it too. No one went hungry. As promised, our infamous Prez, **Justin Dyer**, made sure that every SABLA member left with a Christmas gift. What a guy! Just like Santa! But not without some major help from his two favorite Christmas elves, **Ed & Cindy Lewandowski**.

During the luncheon, SABLA awarded a lifetime membership to **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** for their years of service to SABLA. They have opened their home and property every year in Sonoma, to host SABLA's premier picnic and BBQ! If you've been there, you know what I'm saying is true. This is the first and only lifetime membership ever awarded by SABLA.

Ron was there to accept. Marilyn was in Southern California visiting and caring for the new granddaughter born December 5, 1999. The baby's older sister was also born on December 5th. Two granddaughters with the same birthdate! Congratulations Ron & Marilyn!

Also at the Christmas luncheon, congratulations were given to **John & Grace Powers**, who were near celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary! What a great accomplishment! And what a great addition John Powers has been, since joining our accomplished group of exLAPDers!

Also a SABLA service award was presented by Prez Dyer to **Hoy Key**, for his years of service to SABLA as Secretary and Treasurer! A well-earned and well-deserved award! Congrats, Hoy!

**Hal & Johnene White** were there with **Larry Meyer**. I wish Hal would get Larry to join SABLA so we'd have his resume down and know who Larry is, except that he too is an exLAPDer! Former SABLA Prez and charter member **Lew Ritter** was there—looking good! If he was there, where were you? We missed you! Current lottery agent and former Hollenbeck Division stand-out, **Bob Rogers**, came in a little late and tried to blame his partner, **Nancy Reed**. Must have been the season!

The guys and gals from Sun City were all in attendance. But all of them live within walking distance, so attendance for them was easy. Except **Hank Seret** who got out of a sick bed to bring his wife, **Lee**, for the celebration. Whatta guy! Get well, Hank!

But the rest—**Charlie & Joan Blogin**, **Charlie and Carmen Long**, the Whites, **Lew, Judy**, and myself were there to see

you. Hope we didn't miss you! Down from Graeagle was **George & Harriet Conroy**. In from Napa with my Christmas gift was **Bob Tucker**. What an array of police and fire gift items he has to offer! Give Bob a call if you're stuck for a gift idea! All the way from Red Bluff were the **Heins—Bill**, my Academy classmate, and his wife, **Barbara**, to celebrate the holiday. No party would be complete without another former SABLA Prez, **Carl Kuehn** and wife, **Ellie**. Former motor officers **Chuck Ward** and **Bill Wilhelm** with wife, **Ruby Dee**, were there to celebrate—whatever! **Bob & Betty Devin** were down the hill from Auburn, and **Roy & LaDonna Kerton** were up the road from Elk Grove. Our guys and gals come here from all over the SABLA area! One member who is always here but missed was **Bob Totans** from up in Willows. As reported last month, Bob fell and broke his pelvis. He's recovering at last word and doing OK. If you know Bob, send him a card or make a phone call.

More photos will be up next month of the group including **Nate Iannone**, **Ray Lauritzen** and others from the same Academy class. **Tony Baldassano** was at our table in good Christmas spirit—non-alcohol though! Tony is still a security supervisor at the lottery.

**Abe & Betty Miles**, **Jack & DeRhonda Smith** and **Jim Byrd** were there. Did we miss you? One of my "old" 77th partners, **Bob Sharrett**, came by, as did our SABLA regulars, **Bill & Muriel McMonagle**, down from Colfax!

As a finale, a prize of one of the table-top poinsettias was awarded to anyone who had a \$100 bill on them. Guess who had one? Maybe more than one?? None other than **Ken Carlsted**! I'll bet his wife, **Joan**, could've used that for Christmas shopping!

That takes care of our Christmas luncheon and get-together! At SABLA we sincerely hope that your Christmas was cheerful and happy with a bright outlook for the new year 2000!

We were supposed to see **Art Sjoquist**, the Department historian, at our November luncheon as a guest speaker. But at the last moment Art had to cancel and ask for a "rain check." So we'll have to set a new date for Art to bring his slide show to see the newly proposed Police Museum. So keep those second Thursdays of the month open. You don't want to miss that one.

And while we're on the Thursday luncheon subject, beginning this month, we have a new banquet/catering chairman! None other than **Ed Lewandowski**! So call Ed at (916) 445-4710 or (530) 626-4248 and tell him your food choice between chicken, veal or cobb salad. If Ed's not there, leave a message. Hoy Key has retired from that job! So call Ed each month to let him know you're coming on or before Tuesday of that week.

Come break bread with us February 10th. Tell a story. Have a beer or glass of wine. A "shooter" if you want! We start at 1130 hours, Palomino Room, Watt & El Camino in Sacramento.

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. We'll find somebody who remembered to bring their reading glasses and your letter will be read to all! Don't forget that Valentine!!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

## Dates to Remember

### February

Feb. 8	Class of 2/8/60 Reunion	
Feb. 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1130
Feb. 11	Joe Legaspi & Ron Ryerson—Golf & Dinner	1830
Feb. 13	Wilshire "Run Against Crime"	0630
Feb. 16	Valley Retired Blues	1100
Feb. 24	Bill Mares, Russ Lyons, Joe Adolph	1700
Feb. 25	Richard Jamieson	1800
Feb. 25	Coachella Valley Golf Tournament (Woodhaven CC)	
Feb. 29	LAPPL College Day	0900-1400

### March

March 3	Marty Feinmark	1700	1800
March 9	Gail Ryan & William Baird	1600	
March 13	West Valley Open Golf Tournament (Porter Valley CC)		
March 15	Valley Retired Blues	1100	

## The Central Coast "Fuzz That Wuzz"

by Dave Aikins

### Greetings from all of us "Fuzz" members out here on the Central Coast.

Well, the New Year is well on its way and the Y2K issues are old stuff by now. No resolutions broken yet, right? Yeah, sure! I got a kick out of the media pundits running all over the globe checking out the power stations in Pakistan and the sewer systems in Hong Kong for computer glitches, hoping to report total chaos. I figured it was going down hill fast as the media got real excited when the slot machines at the Delaware racetrack went kaput. I guess the next big deal is supposed to be February 29th, when the computer won't recognize the leap year. Can't wait for that one. Reminder, Guys, Valentine's Day is on the 14th. Be a hero this year.

Hey, my old protective vest from my LAPD days saw some service on New Year's Eve. The good news was that I wasn't inside it. My daughter, **Laurane**, who resides in Scottsdale, AZ, has a friend who is a paramedic on the Phoenix Fire Dept. Seems the young man was worried about all the lead zinging around those streets and dark alleys, when he was responding to emergency calls. I guess his city doesn't issue them so my daughter asked me if I had one the paramedic could use. After my digging through the garage, an agent of the federal government was able to deliver it to him by priority mail, on time, and he was a happy first responder. He indicated the vest made him feel like superman. I know it's not that good, but I haven't found a lot of use for the darn thing up here on the Central Coast. OK, how many of you retired guys could still find yours, or better yet, how many of you know what they are? Just kidding, fellows, just kidding.

### A Note of Thanks

Our Christmas party was held last December at the Madonna Inn, in San Luis Obispo. The Madonna Inn is always beautifully decorated during the holidays and is a sight to behold. The raffle prizes were top rate and the entertainment from the award winning San Luis Obispo High School Stage Choir was outstanding. There was a real feeling of warmth and friendship among the members as we celebrated the Christmas Holiday. All of this was not by accident. Our leadership is top rate. **Brian Galbraith** and wife **Kathy** put in an enormous amount of effort as did **Sam and Paulette Lopez**. They made all the arrangements and bought all the neat gifts while the rest of us screamed and yelled when our number was not called at the raffle. Several people won twice and turned in their second ticket and gave up valuable gifts so someone else could win. Is that class or what?

Speaking of class, **Tom & Dorie Zwinger** put together a super photo album of the Fuzz that Wuzz past activities. It is magnificent. Tom is the guy sneaking around taking all the neat pictures and Dorie obviously has the artistic talent.

Paulette Lopez put together some excellent photos of old time LAPD badges that I will try to get into the computer to show off in the future.

Anyway, a special thanks to all of those who helped put all the events together last year. They are a great bunch of people. The best to all of you from the Fuzz gang.

Catch us at Wuzzlapd@aol.com. - KMA

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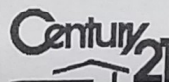
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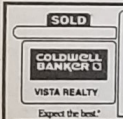
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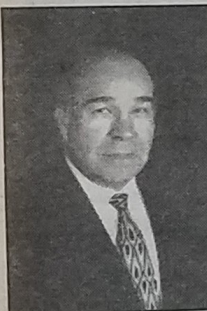
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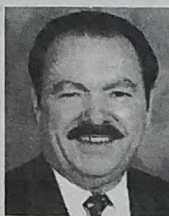
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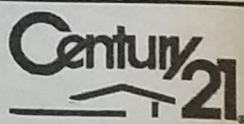
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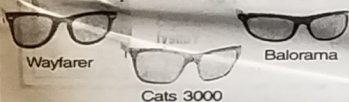
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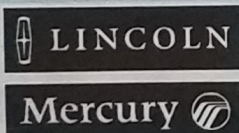
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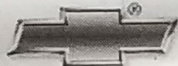
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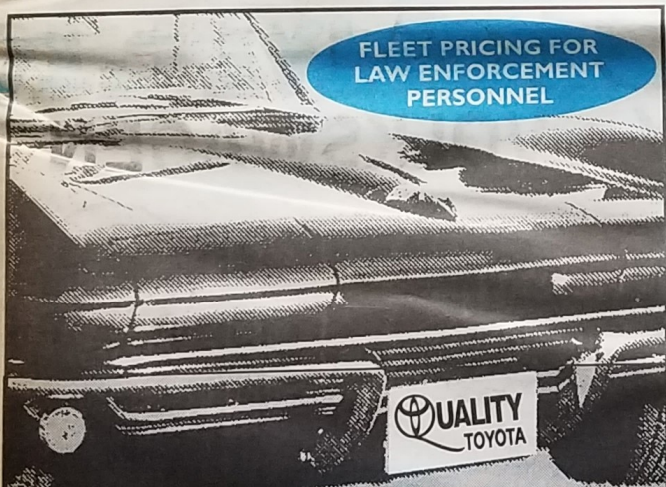
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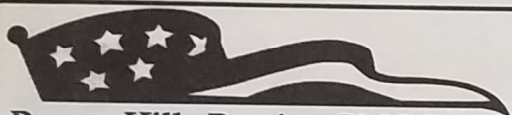
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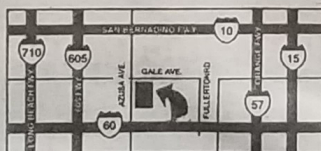
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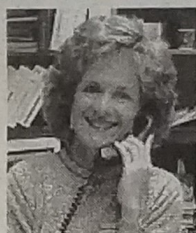
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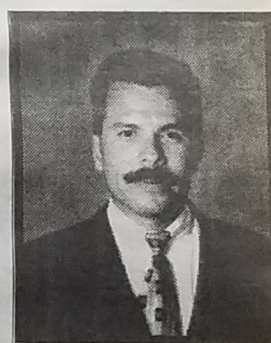
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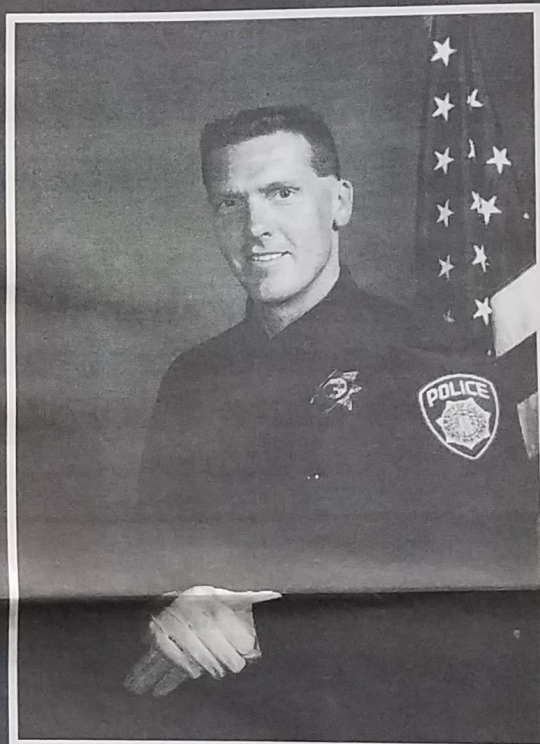
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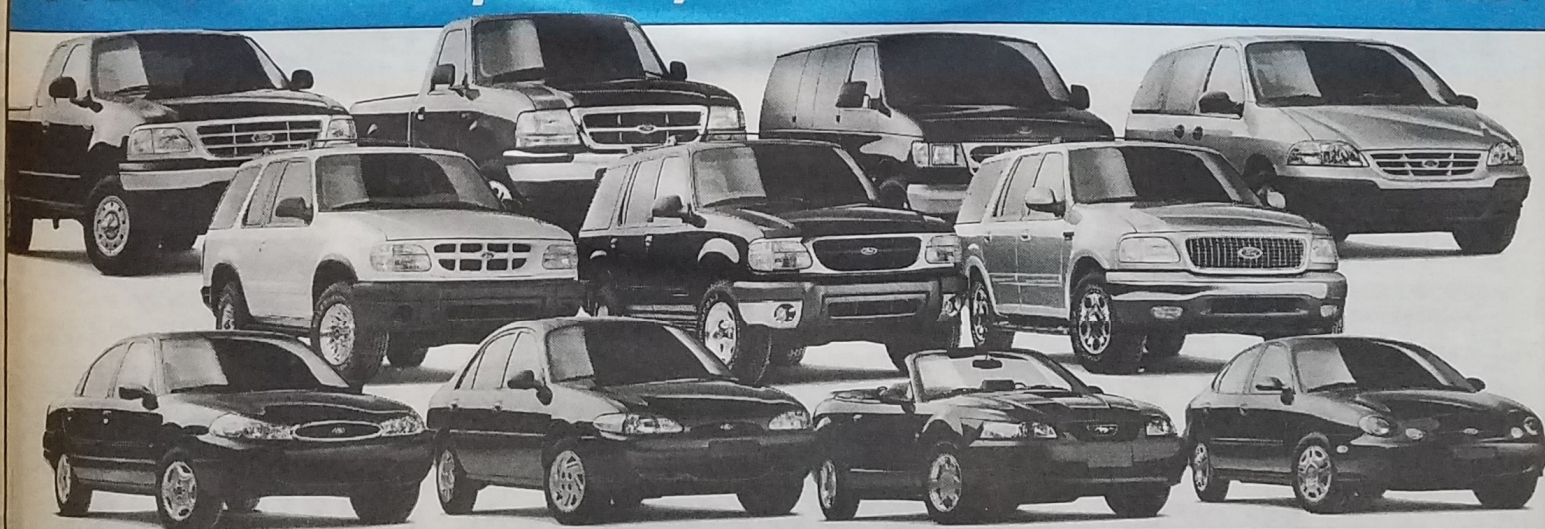
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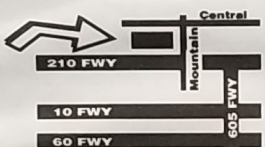
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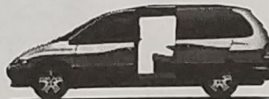


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